

Esus Forestry and Woodlands is a forestry management consultancy rooted in Kent and Sussex, specialising in local ancient semi-natural woodland.

An important part of Esus' work involves training and qualifying woodland workers, in both new and traditional skills, to help the essential local woodland workforce develop and grow.

Courses available include coppice harvesting, chainsaw training, forestry first aid, chestnut fencing, charcoal making, hurdle making, besom broom making and more....

18 woodland workers have already benefited from subsidised courses to complete their NPTC chainsaw accreditation!



The award-winning Weald & Downland Open Air Museum has over 45 historic building exhibits and is designated by the Government for the outstanding importance of its collections. The Museum has lifelong learning at the heart of its work and offers well-established short course programmes in historic building conservation and traditional rural trades and crafts, as well as Masters' Degree programmes in Building Conservation and Timber Building Conservation.

Subsidised courses include the conservation of timber framed, weather-boarded and tile-hung buildings; the conservation of iron work; repairs to historic brickwork and scarf repairs to timber framed structures.



Plumpton College at Netherfield, Centre for Sustainable Food and Farming offers a dynamic, practical and relevant range of training courses in food, farming and rural skills to help local businesses and landowners.

The subsidised courses are aimed at landowners, food businesses and chefs; to produce, promote and add value to locally produced food and market it in such a way as to raise public awareness of the traditional farming methods that help maintain the character of the Weald Forest Ridge landscape.



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The Weald Forest Ridge is the highest ridge of the High Weald AONB. Today 325,000 people live within the Ridge and its eight neighbouring towns.

Professional Training Opportunities for Businesses, Landowners and Individuals



The Weald Forest Ridge, part of the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is a landscape of rolling hills, small, irregular fields, abundant woods, sunken lanes and scattered farmsteads.

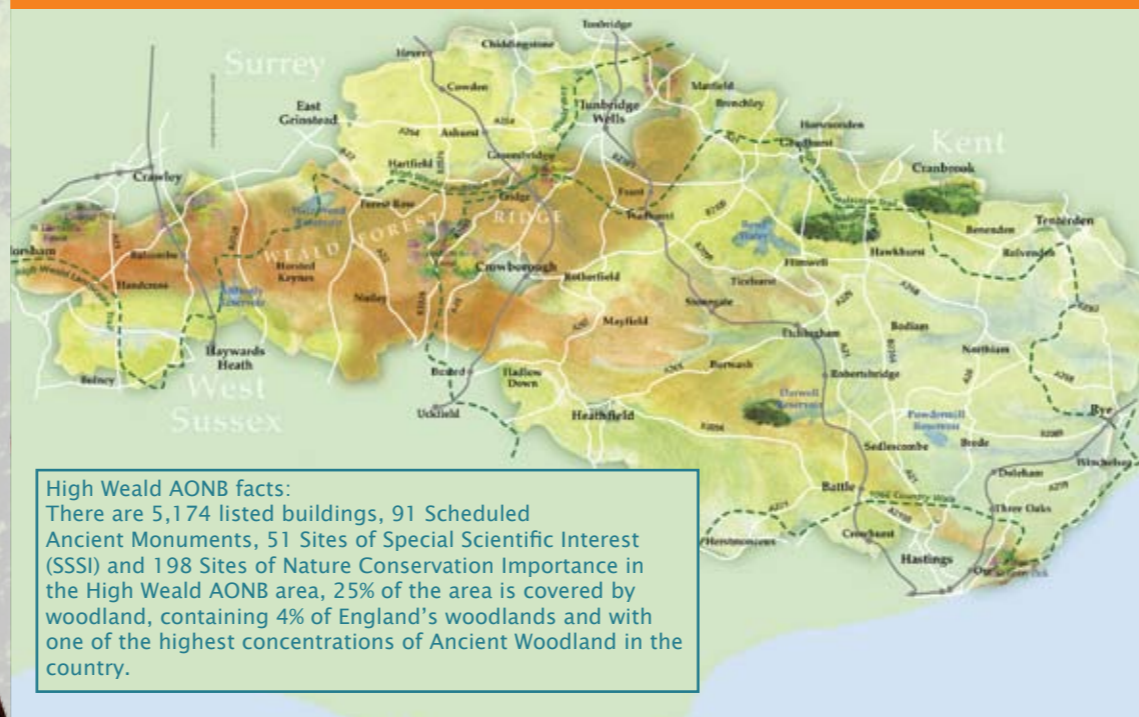
Subsidies of up to 50% are available for courses with three specialist training providers; to help businesses, landowners and individuals maintain and enhance this rich heritage.

For more information on specific courses and costs and to find out if you qualify for subsidised training, please contact the individual organisations listed in this brochure.



"The course was first class, just what I was hoping for"
Conservation of Ironwork, Weald & Downland Museum

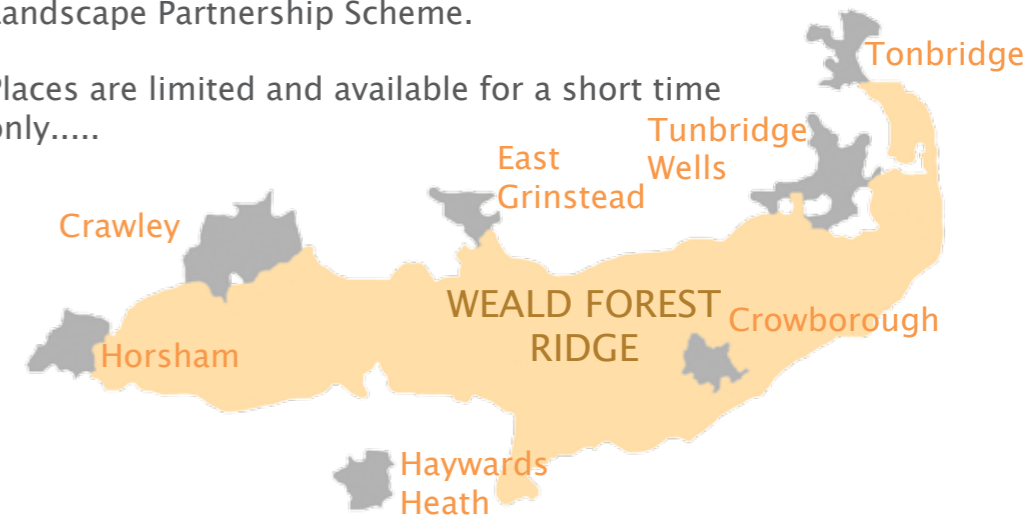
"I would thoroughly recommend this course to other producers. It will enable me to give my customers more of what they want."
Beef butchery demonstration, Plumpton College at Netherfield



High Weald AONB facts:
There are 5,174 listed buildings, 91 Scheduled Ancient Monuments, 51 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and 198 Sites of Nature Conservation Importance in the High Weald AONB area, 25% of the area is covered by woodland, containing 4% of England's woodlands and with one of the highest concentrations of Ancient Woodland in the country.

If you live or carry out work in the Weald Forest Ridge area of Sussex and Kent, you could benefit from subsidised training, provided through the Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Places are limited and available for a short time only.....



The Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme is a three year programme of activity, delivered by twenty different partners and co-ordinated by the High Weald AONB Unit. The Weald Forest Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme aims to enable these people to reconnect with their landscape; more easily access and enjoy the Ridge; understand it's unique natural, cultural and built heritage; take part in caring for it; and leave a legacy for future generations.

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