



FIREWOOD NEWS

AUTUMN 2009

Dear Customer,

This autumn we've got so much to tell you we couldn't fit it all on a post card, so we thought we'd write a newsletter instead.

Where does your firewood come from?

At the heart of Forest Fuels is the forestry contracting business. We work across North Devon and Dartmoor managing conifer and hardwood woodlands. We have been working with the Devon Wildlife Trust at the popular Halsdon Nature Reserve, near Dolton taking out a lot of the holly undergrowth and thinning out some of the oak trees.

Matt Boydell of Devon Wildlife Trust explains 'The dense canopy has been hampering the growth of ground flora such as the bluebell which should be thriving on the slopes of the site. Although it might look quite a drastic change initially, given a few years the work will make a real and noticeable difference



'Bluebells in Halsdon woodland' courtesy of Andrew Head

Our team of foresters will be working in Halsdon again this autumn removing more of the holly undergrowth and thinning out the oak trees, this will let light in to the forest floor and over the next few years, particularly during Spring, visitors

to the wood should see a dramatic increase in woodland flowers and butterflies. Because the woodland has been unmanaged for so long, very little of the wood is suitable for planks or beams, so Forest Fuels is taking it back to Grascott Farm to cut split and seasoned for firewood for our customers.

So over the next few years when you throw a log on to the fire you can enjoy the cosy heat knowing that you're helping improve and manage an important woodland nature reserve.

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New Products

Stacked logs delivered to your door.

For those of you who don't have the time or don't enjoy stacking the logs we deliver to your door, Forest Fuels has another solution.

We can deliver logs ready stacked in an attractive wooden crate straight to your door. The crate is refillable and returnable, so when you're running low give us a call and we'll bring another full crate and take away your empty one. In essence it's like an instant full log store, that works just like a calor gas bottle, when the store gets low you order another.

The crates carry 1/3 of a cubic metre of stacked logs and can be moved with a sack trolley when full.

Log Stack crate prices

£35 per stacked crate

£10 deposit on first order.

Minimum order 2 crates. Prices inc. VAT, Free local delivery



Kindling

You can now order a bag of kindling with your log delivery, we are selling large bags (6kg) of kindling for £4.00 each, inc. VAT. Please ask for them when you order

Firelighters

Buy a box of 40 natural firelighters. These firelighters are made from long wood shavings soaked in candle wax and bees wax.

They last longer than conventional paraffin wax firelighters and are completely odourless.

One box of 40 costs £5.00 inc. VAT.

Price Increase

From September 1st the price of our seasoned hardwood logs is going up. This is due to the large increase in demand for logs and the higher costs of harvesting and transporting the firewood from our forestry sites to the farm and on to you the customer.

The new prices are:

£65 for a Pickup load

£110 for a tipping trailer

£160 for the pickup and trailer.

Prices inc. VAT, free local delivery.

Other things Forest Fuels Limited does.

You may not know all the things Forest Fuels limited does. We don't just cut and deliver logs. Forest Fuels is a forestry and wood fuel business. Which means that apart from high quality firewood we also sell wood chip for use as fuel in modern large boilers installed in schools, hospitals, the Eden Project and Devon County Hall. We are also now selling different grades of wood chip for play surfaces, wood chip mulch, bark mulch and horse paddocks. From the forest we sell timber to sawmills and traditional timber framers, boatbuilders and jumps for horses.