



## Plumpton College at Flimwell

### Centre for Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry

#### Course Information

**Course Name: Introduction to Chainsaw Use: Maintenance and Cross-cutting**

**Tutor: Jim Chatton**

**Venue:** Woodland Enterprise Centre, Hastings Road  
Flimwell, East Sussex TN5 7PR  
Tel: 01580 879552

**Duration:** 1 day course

**Start Time:** 9.30 am; arrive 9.15am for coffee/tea and registration

**Finish time:** Approx 5.00 pm

**Designed for:** Those looking for an introduction to the safe use and maintenance of chainsaws. The course is suitable for those wishing to use a chainsaw on their own land. Includes cross cutting but not felling.

**Aims of the course:** To be able to safely use and maintain a chainsaw.

**Typical number of delegates:** 6

Course runs approximately four times a year

**Course Programme**

Workshop sessions and practical session in the woods.

9.30 am – 10.00 am

Introduction to the day

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Health and Safety – Protective clothing  
Chainsaw maintenance – including refuelling, air filter cleaning and sharpening the chain.

1.00 pm

Lunch

1.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Setting the saw for work  
Cross cutting cord wood  
Re-sharpening the chain  
Storing the saw in clean and safe condition

4.30 pm

Summary /Questions and Answers. Course Evaluations

**What you need to bring:** Hot & cold drinks are provided, but you will need to bring a packed lunch. Chainsaws are provided but you may bring your own if you prefer. Warm clothing. **You will need to provide and wear your own personal protective clothing (PPE) as detailed.**

**The following personal protective clothing (PPE) will be required:**

**Forestry Helmet** (EN 397) with ear muffs mesh visor. **Chainsaw Protective Trousers** (pr EN 381-5) Type C:

**Safety Boots with chainsaw protection** (toe cap - EN 345 Chainsaw protection pr EN 345 part 2).

**Chainsaw gloves** (EN381-7). Stockists of PPE: ATS: 01403 891 580 or [www.ats-webshop.co.uk](http://www.ats-webshop.co.uk)

Husqvarna: 01636 704 666 or [www.husqvarna.me.uk](http://www.husqvarna.me.uk) Mower Magic: 0845 123 5844 or [www.mower-magic.co.uk](http://www.mower-magic.co.uk) FWB: 01782 744 333 or [www.fwb.co.uk](http://www.fwb.co.uk)

All new safety equipment must carry the CE marking. Please contact **Paul Collins** at Plumpton College on 01273 890454 ext 261 for any further information regarding safety clothing & equipment.

Although the College provides chainsaws to train with on the day, you may bring your own chainsaw if preferred. Please note for Health & Safety reasons, **you will be unable to participate in the practical session if you have not provided your own PPE.** There will be no spare protective equipment available on the day.

**Course Outcome:** Knowledge and skills to maintain a chainsaw and use it for cross cutting. College Certificate.

**Follow on course suggestions:**

Introduction to Chainsaw Use: Felling Small Trees is a one day course.

Introduction to Woodland Management, Generating Income from Coppice Woodland, Trug Making, Hazel Hurdle Making, Charcoal Making, Chestnut Gate Hurdles, Introduction to Green Woodwork, Woodland Archaeology, Practical Woodland Management using Hand Tools, Emergency First Aid for Foresters, Oak Timber Framing, Shingle Making, Selecting and Milling Timber.

These courses are run in partnership with Woodnet.

**For dates and further course information please contact Plumpton College or look at the Woodnet website [www.woodnet.org.uk](http://www.woodnet.org.uk)**

**To book this course and for further information please contact:**

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