



# Plumpton College at Flimwell

## Centre for Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry

### Course Information

**Course Name:**  
**Introduction to Chainsaw Use: Felling Small Trees**

**Tutor:** Gavin Nevett

**Venue:** Woodland Enterprise Centre, Hastings Road  
 Flimwell, East Sussex TN5 7PR  
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**Duration:** 1 day course

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

**Finish time:** Approx 4.30 – 5 pm

**Designed for:** Those looking for an introduction to the safe felling of small trees. The course is suitable for those wishing to use a chainsaw on their own land but does not provide a qualification. Participants will need to have some basic training in chainsaw use and cross cutting to be able to attend this course. For those without a qualification, we would recommend that you attend our Introduction to Chainsaw Use and Maintenance course first. That course includes cross cutting. The course will initially focus on trees which can be felled without hindrance, in a relatively open area. Providing sufficient proficiency is shown we can progress on to more sophisticated techniques, such as felling small trees against the lean and dealing with hung up trees, though this will depend on the abilities and competence of the group as a whole.

**Aims of the course:** To be able to safely fell small trees and cross cut felled wood.

**Typical number of delegates:** 4

Course runs approximately two 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  
 Tree identification. Selecting a tree. Cutting techniques.

1.00 pm

Lunch

1.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Practical tree felling  
 Cross cutting cord wood

4.30 pm

Summary /Questions and Answers. Course Evaluations

**What you need to bring:** Hot drinks and biscuits 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**

**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). Please find below a list of 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** (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 fell a small tree with a chainsaw and cross cut felled wood. College Certificate.

**Follow on course suggestions:**

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.  
 The Practical Woodland Management using Hand Tools course includes felling small trees using hand tools. 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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