

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE



This Level 3 course is designed for those looking to deepen their skills in traditional woodland management, sustainable forestry and land-based practices.

With an emphasis on sustainability, health & safety, and ecological responsibility, students will gain the knowledge and confidence to manage woodlands responsibly, support nature recovery, and explore a meaningful outdoor career.

Please note that you will need to have your basic chainsaw certification and some prior experience to study this course. Don't have this? Try our Level 2 qualification instead to obtain this first!

LOCATION

Talgarth

TUITION TIME

3 Days Per Week

COURSE LENGTH

1 Year from September - July

MINIMUM AGE

16 Years Old

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Through a variety of modules in woodland planning and protection, silviculture, tree planting, chainsaw use, and more, and the opportunity to lead your own investigative project, this course is ideal for anyone looking to combine practical skill-building with ecological understanding and real-world impact.

Whether you're pursuing a career in forestry, conservation, or traditional rural crafts, this qualification provides the knowledge, hands-on training, and practical experience needed to thrive.



Through a mixture of work in the woodland and workshop, you will cover the following units, each with an emphasis on sustainability, practical woodland management, and health and safety:

- Undertake an investigative project in the land-based sector
- Understand woodland management
- Understand and carry out forest and woodland skills
- Understand the principles of tree felling and chainsaw use
- Understand principles of silviculture
- Understand and carry out tree and shrub planting, aftercare and protection for forestry and arboriculture
- Understand land-based machinery
- Measure trees and carry out woodland sampling
- Understand principles of forest recreation
- Understand legislation relating to trees in the UK

WHY STUDY FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE?

You will study in beautiful and unique woodland settings. This course is ideal for students who want to deepen their current knowledge & experience of working in forestry while opening doors to further study and employment opportunities.

After this course, students may be able to:

- Progress to Level 4 and above qualifications in Forestry or Coppicing
- Use this qualification towards entry to the BMC undergraduate course, BA (Hons) Sustainable Futures: Arts, Ecology and Systems Change
- Start a career in the sector as an Arboricultural Officer, Woodland Manager, Conservation Ranger, Estate Worker, Tree Surgeon, Surveyor, Coppice Worker or Craftsperson.
- Explore a career in timber and woodland product sales or business development
- Set up your own businesses in coppicing, greenwood crafts, woodland consultancy, or tree surgery.

This recognised qualification opens doors to careers or further study in forestry, conservation, rural crafts, and arboriculture, with opportunities to work for forestry companies, conservation organisations, local councils, national parks, estates, environmental charities, or as a self-employed professional.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Warm waterproof clothing and shoes for working outdoors, and chainsaw safe trousers, boots, helmet, and gloves.

