



Woodfuel Processing Training Report 16th March 2013

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Introduction

On the 16th March 2013, Lochbroom Woodfuels held a training day on woodfuel processing equipment, through the CWA Knowledge Share Programme. Unfortunately, only four people were able to attend, including Siân Curley who is the business manager of Lochbroom Woodfuels. The event was organised with quite short notice. We required that everyone hold a valid chainsaw license. These two factors may have contributed to the low attendance. As he has prepared the materials and training session, the trainer kindly agreed to run another session for us at a date which might be more convenient for people. Adverts will be sent to CWA in due course.

Why did we do this?

The day was aimed at two groups: self-employed contractors who want to develop their skillset so that they can carry out work for Lochbroom Woodfuels; and other community woodlands groups who want to find out more about firewood processing machinery with a view to adding value to their timber.

Firewood Processor Training Course Content

The aim of the course is:

To learn about the operation, maintenance and cleaning of the machine, how to work safely, and how to work productively. Everyone got a chance to operate the machine and 6 cubic metres of split logs were produced.

The objectives of the course are –

1. To find out more about operating a firewood processor and how running a mobile machine can diversify your woodland enterprise.
2. The opportunity to operate the machine (participants must hold a chainsaw certificate).

Event trainer:

James Nairn



List of course participants

Name	Group Name
James Curley	Ullapool Community Trust
Siân Curley	Ullapool Community Trust
Rod Houldsworth	Ullapool Community Trust
Kevin Peach	Ullapool Community Trust

Feedback from participants

“I feel really confident using the processor now, and am very aware of the pinch points and how to work safely. Can’t wait to get going on it!” – Kevin Peach

“ The day was really successful, we now have a team of operators who understand how to organise their workspace efficiently and safely to make firewood. This is an important way for us to add value to bought-in timber and will help secure the future of the organisation.”
– Siân Curley

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