



NPTC CS30 and CS31 – Certificate of Competence in Chainsaw Maintenance, Crosscutting and Felling of Small Trees

The Training Site – Growing Well

Growing Well is an organic crop producing, charitable business. Situated on 5 acres of Soil Association certified organic land, 4 miles from Kendal. Growing Well has 5 polytunnels, and 3 fully equipped yurts, in which training, relaxing and practical work can take place. We only use qualified and experienced tutors for our high quality courses. The chainsaw training takes place in woodland behind the Growing Well site and/or in the Sizergh estate woodlands.

Course details

The course is made up of 3 units

- CS30.1 and CS30.2 cover the maintenance of the saw including recognition of safety features, chain sharpening, engine care and basic crosscutting of material
- CS31 covers the felling and processing of small trees (200mm- 380mm diameter)

It is the basic qualification required by individuals wanting to work within the industry and additional units can be completed as necessary.

The course will be run over 5 full days with a small group of 4 candidates. The course is very practical so there will be plenty of time spent in the varied and extensive woodlands close to Growing Well on the Sizergh estate being taught and practicing the techniques required.

Entry requirements

No prior achievements are necessary.

Candidates will need to have a reasonable degree of physical and mental fitness to undertake the training and achieve the award.

The opportunity to practice after the training and before the assessment may be beneficial.

Candidates will be expected to provide the chainsaw and ancillary equipment including personal protective equipment

Personal protective equipment

The following personal protective equipment (ppe) must be provided by the candidate for the duration of the course:

Safety helmet with integral ear defenders and visor

Chainsaw gloves

Chainsaw trousers

Chainsaw boots

Other clothing must be close fitting and non-snagging –

chainsaw jackets are advisable but not essential

Individual first aid kit with large wound dressing.

Whistle

All ppe must conform to British standards

Assessment

The assessment will take an additional half day per candidate. The date will be arranged during the week of the course. It will take place in the woods adjacent to Growing Well or in the nearby woodlands of Sizergh estate.

Course Costs and Dates:

£675 including cost of City & Guilds NPTC registration and Certification.

February 7th – 11th 2011, October 31st – November 4th

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