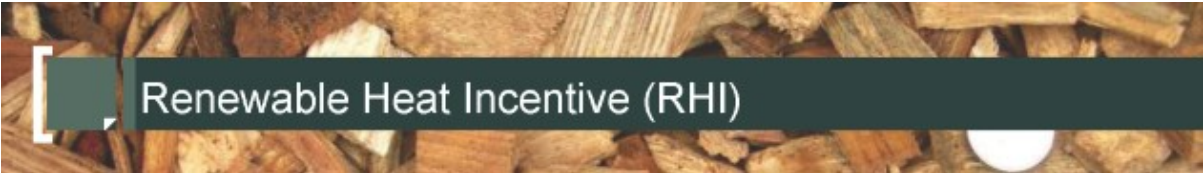


Welcome to Lockhart Garratt's first woodfuel e-brief. This issue coincides with the publication by the government of details of the long-awaited Renewable Heat Incentive and lets you know how we can help your business to benefit from this exciting development.

Going forward we will aim to keep you up to date with news and key innovations through an easy to access interactive format.

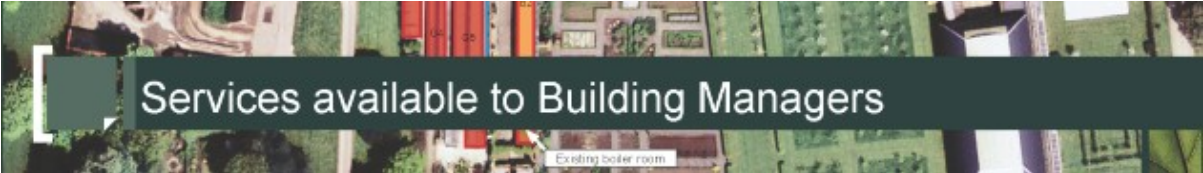


Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

The RHI is a ground breaking scheme to encourage the use of renewable heat in commercial, industrial and residential properties and aims to save up to 44 million tonnes of carbon by 2020. Eligible sources of renewable heat include solar, air and ground source heat pumps, biogas and importantly for woodland owners, biomass, which includes logs, wood-chip and wood-pellets. Heat must be produced in approved boiler equipment and log-burning stoves are not eligible.

The incentive will be a payment to generators of renewable heat from government based on the metered heat produced, the renewable technology employed and the scale of the installation. Only non-domestic properties will be eligible in the first year, but homeowners may be eligible for a Renewable Heat Premium payment.

For boilers fired by wood, the tariff is up to 7.6p/kiloWatt hour (kWh), equivalent to around £200 per tonne of wood-chip fuel used or £270 per tonne of wood pellets.



Services available to Building Managers

The RHI is a massive opportunity for owners and managers to cut carbon emissions from heating of buildings whilst making an attractive return on the capital invested. At

LGL we have been working with a number of clients to install woodfired heating systems and have many years experience of managing installation projects and running systems once installed.

To coincide with the launch of the RHI we will be providing independent advice on all aspects of the scheme including eligibility and standards, tariff levels, calculation of entitlements, metering of heat consumption, Renewable Heat Premium for domestic properties, registration and accreditation by Ofgem. This is in addition to our existing services to building owners:

- Initial assessment and feasibility studies for woodfuel heating installations
- Project management of procurement, design, installation, operation and maintenance
- Fuel supply contract negotiation
- Advice on other grants and incentives

Services to the Woodfuel Supply Chain

Lockhart Garratt's pedigree in woodland management combined with our experience of wood-heating systems means that we are well placed to advise on the whole fuel supply chain from the tree to the boiler. On the fuel supply chain side we can provide:

- Forecasts of woodfuel production
- Feasibility studies on fuel supply for larger woodfuel installations
- Woodland management planning for woodfuel production
- Optimisation of the supply chain

Latest News

Woodfuel East

As a selected Woodfuel East contractor, LGL is providing subsidised advice on woodland management and woodfuel production to owners in the East of England Region (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Suffolk and Norfolk). A day of professional time is offered for £100.00 + VAT which includes a site visit to assess and discuss your woodland's potential, management options and a high quality report summarising your woodland's characteristics, management options and woodfuel potential. The project is funded by the Rural Development Programme for England.





Firewood prices continue to rise

We are seeing a continued rise in the prices for hardwood firewood timber from woodlands and forests in central England, driven by the demand created by high oil prices and the rise in the use of log burning stoves in domestic properties. This means that positive woodland management such as coppicing and thinning, which was uneconomic in the past, can now be a viable option. We are always available to advise woodland owners on current prices and how to bring a parcel of firewood to the market.

Burning desire to learn?

Two Lockhart Garratt staff members have recently received woodfuel training through the nationally accredited IGNITE programme. **Andrew Sheridan** has completed courses in Woodfuel Specifications & Standards and Firewood Production & Supply. **Karen Russell** has completed a course on Managing Woodlands for Woodfuel.



If you would like any further information on any of the above mentioned services please contact **Andrew Sheridan** (Woodfuel) or **Karen Russell** (Woodfuel East) on **01536 408840** or visit our website www.lockhart-garratt.co.uk

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