

From: [Redacted Correspondent 1]
Sent: 08 January 2021 09:42
To: Travis, Jon (ESNR-ERA-Land, Nature & Forestry) ; [WG Official 1]
Cc: [Redacted Correspondent 2]>; [Redacted Correspondent 3]>; [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 3]>; [WG Official 4]
Subject: RE: Covid-19 Advice to woodland owners

Hi Jon,

Thank you very much. We have taken your advice into account and amended the letter, which is attached for information.

[Redacted Correspondent 1]



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[See attachment 1 below]

From: Travis, Jon (ESNR-ERA-Land, Nature & Forestry)
Sent: 08 January 2021 08:41
To: [Redacted Correspondent 1] [WG Official 1]
Cc: [Redacted Correspondent 2]>:[Redacted Correspondent 3]; [WG Official 2]; [WG Official 3]; [WG Official 4]
Subject: RE: Covid-19 Advice to woodland owners

Hi [Redacted Correspondent 1]

Sorry for the delay in responding. The guidance for working in Wales in level 4 is that people must work from home if they can. However, people who are not able to work from home, but are able to work safely in their workplaces, can do so, provided their workplace remains open.

The reference in your letter to local lockdowns is no longer correct as all of Wales is currently in lockdown (alert level 4), so there are no longer distinctions between different areas of Wales.

I'm not sure when the quote from the First Minister come from but if it's not recent it would probably be better to refer to the published Welsh Government guidance. I've provided the links to latest guidance below.

- Welsh Government Guidance for businesses: https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/keep-wales-safe-work?_ga=2.174362594.1764432402.1610094078-912149721.1598614978
- Welsh Government guidance for outdoor work: <https://gov.wales/construction-and-outdoor-work-coronavirus-workplace-guidance-html>
- FISA guidance on safe working in forestry, which should be read alongside Welsh specific guidance: <https://gov.wales/forestry-businesses-coronavirus-guidance>

Hope that helps.

Kind regards
Jon

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From: [Redacted Correspondent 1]

Sent: 05 January 2021 09:40

To: Travis, Jon (ESNR-ERA-Land, Nature & Forestry) ; [WG Official 1]>; [WG Official 2]

Cc: [Redacted Correspondent 2]>; [Redacted Correspondent 3]>; [WG Official 3]>; [WG Official 4]>;[WG Official 5]

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Dear Jon,

We are updating our guidance in the light of recent announcements and wish to ensure we remain in line with current government advice.

We are aiming to re-issue this letter this week (as long as it remains appropriate to do so), and wanted to check with you that the First Minister quote is still the most appropriate and that the position we had reached in terms of travel between counties for essential woodland management work remained accurate.

Your advice will be greatly appreciated both by our members in Wales, but also the wider public, as we will place the letter on our website where it can be accessed by anyone interested.

Best regards,

[Personal Details Redacted]



January 2021

To whom it may concern,

The bearer of this letter is engaged in woodland management work, permitted under the current restrictions ([alert level 4](#)). Those who need to travel to carry out their woodland management work are permitted to do so, as they are seen to have reasonable excuse.

The management of woodlands, including planting, harvesting, thinning, pest and disease control and safety management is permitted under the restrictions in Wales. There is also no restriction on the distance that woodland managers can travel to undertake such work. Woodland management work can be carried out with limited interaction with other people, and the sector is committed to working safely in accordance with government guidelines for employers and businesses on coronavirus (COVID-19), including social distancing, and in accordance with all existing health and safety standards (<https://gov.wales/construction-and-outdoor-work-coronavirus-workplace-guidance-html> and <https://gov.wales/forestry-businesses-coronavirus-guidance>)

Where workers can work from home they should do so. However, much woodland management work simply cannot be done from home. In the longer-term, functioning woodlands will be needed to help many businesses get back on their feet and to support our ongoing climate change objectives. It is important that those involved in woodland management are able to travel to undertake their activities without harassment or obstruction. The woodland management sector takes its responsibilities seriously during this current outbreak and has been working closely with government and relevant authorities to ensure appropriate advice is produced at all stages.

Further information is available at [Covid-19 News \(smallwoods.org.uk\)](https://smallwoods.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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