



Norman Davidson

A Kent Downs and Marshes Leader Funded Project
~ Case Study ~



“Managed woodland lets light enter previously dense and unreachable ground, ensuring the regeneration of new fauna and flora”

About Norman Davidson

Norman Davidson is a sole trader producing logs and other woodland products from processed timber. The business had reached capacity and was unable to meet the growing demands of the wood fuel sector. The demand for wood to be used as fuel has been growing due to an increase in the use of both household and commercial fires and log burners.

In order to keep up with demand Norman Davidson applied for a Leader grant to allow him to increase both the efficiency and capacity of his operation. The project involved the purchase of new equipment which will enable an increase in the production of logs for fuel, a reduction in wastage and an overall more efficient production process.

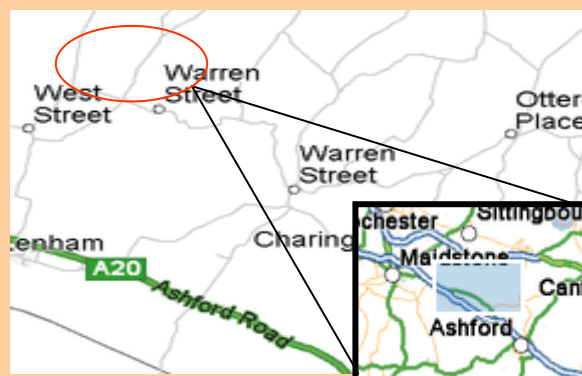


Not only will the project enable Norman Davidson to keep up with demand from local residents and expand the current business, but it will also help to deliver wider reaching benefits. One example of this is the improved management of woodlands which will not only increase bio-diversity, but also improve access to the woods for local people and visitors.

Leader funding Contribution

The Norman Davidson logging expansion project successfully secured a grant from the Kent Downs and Marshes Leader programme, for firewood processing equipment. The grant amount totalled £25,167, 40% of the total project costs under the measure for **adding value to agricultural and forestry products**.

Project location



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