

## Your next move

- Buy locally produced charcoal to encourage coppicing for wildlife, to reduce transport pollution and help protect the rain forests elsewhere.
- If your local shop, store or other outlet doesn't supply local charcoal, write to or telephone the head office and ask them to do so.
- Cut out the panel to the right and stick it to your window for a few days or ask the local shop or store to display it - get others to think about the possibilities.
- Enjoy your barbecue and be safe.
- When you finish with this leaflet, pass it on to someone else.

*You can make a difference and it won't cost the earth*

## Coppice woodland wildlife

Silver-washed Fritillary



Early Purple Orchid

### Aims of the local charcoal project

- To match local producers with local retailers to reduce transport pollution and benefit the local economy
- To raise public awareness through a publicity campaign with press releases and extensive leaflet distribution
- To bring unmanaged woodlands back into management which benefits wildlife.

### Forest Stewardship Council



Look out for this trademark on paper, wood and other wood related products. It shows that good environmental practice is being followed and that it is well policed.

### Useful local charcoal contacts

#### Co-ordination of local producers and outlets:

Julie Bolton, Trees and Woodlands Officer,  
Sustainable Development, West Sussex County Council,  
The Grange, Tower Street, Chichester. PO19 1RG.  
Tel: (01243) 642119  
e-mail: julie.bolton@westsussex.gov.uk

#### Other sources of information:

Bioregional Charcoal Company  
Tel: (020) 8404 2300  
e-mail: brcc@bioregional.com

English Charcoal: [www.englishcharcoal.co.uk](http://www.englishcharcoal.co.uk)

Coppice Products: [www.coppice-products.co.uk](http://www.coppice-products.co.uk)

#### Interested in coppicing or producing charcoal?:

Sussex and Surrey Coppice Group

Tel: 01483 548020  
[www.coppicegroup.org.uk](http://www.coppicegroup.org.uk)

## Local charcoal

- ✓ Is easier to light
- ✓ Gets hot more quickly
- ✓ Helps wildlife
- ✓ Protects woodlands
- ✓ Creates local jobs
- ✓ Causes less pollution

**Your environment  
needs you to buy  
locally produced  
charcoal!**



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### What is charcoal?

Charcoal is a coal-like material made by burning wood with little air.

The use of charcoal is nothing new and in Europe its use can be traced back at least 5500 years. It was the smelting fuel of the bronze and iron ages. In the local area the woodlands were managed to provide charcoal for iron smelting and glass making, and timber for construction and ship building. The untouched natural woodland of oak was gradually changed to a coppice system with single standard trees, often oak.

### What is coppicing?

Coppicing involves cutting back trees to their base and allowing them to re-grow for a number of years. This is then repeated many times. Most types of broadleaved tree will coppice. This system provides a continuous supply of wood and over many centuries created rich wildlife habitats. The varied structure of coppice woods replicates the natural glades of the ancient 'wild wood'.

Coppicing also produces wood for fencing, hurdles and many other products, but has greatly declined since the First World War. Many woods are now derelict coppice, but can be restored - and you can help!

### More coppicing?

This decline has led to the loss of woodland flowers and butterflies which thrive in the variety of ages and heights of trees and shrubs. We can all help by creating a demand for local charcoal to encourage local coppicing - read on.

### Did you know?

At present, most charcoal is imported from rain forests and endangered mangrove forests in South East Asia. We could produce all our needs from this country.

In Britain we burn 60,000 tonnes of charcoal in barbecues each year. This would take 360,000 tonnes of wood to produce, weighing more than 700 jumbo jets.

The transportation of the imported charcoal uses a lot of fossil fuels, adding to the pressure on our global environment.

In a recent survey for Esso Treewatch, 97% of those asked said they would buy charcoal if they knew that it helped local woodlands and wildlife.

West Sussex County Council supports and encourages the use of local produce and woodland management for wildlife and local jobs. The Council also helps people to enjoy visits to their local woodlands.

### Lighting the B.B.Q

You do not need fire lighters when using local charcoal. They smell and cause pollution, so why not try some carefully rolled newspaper; it's cheaper too!

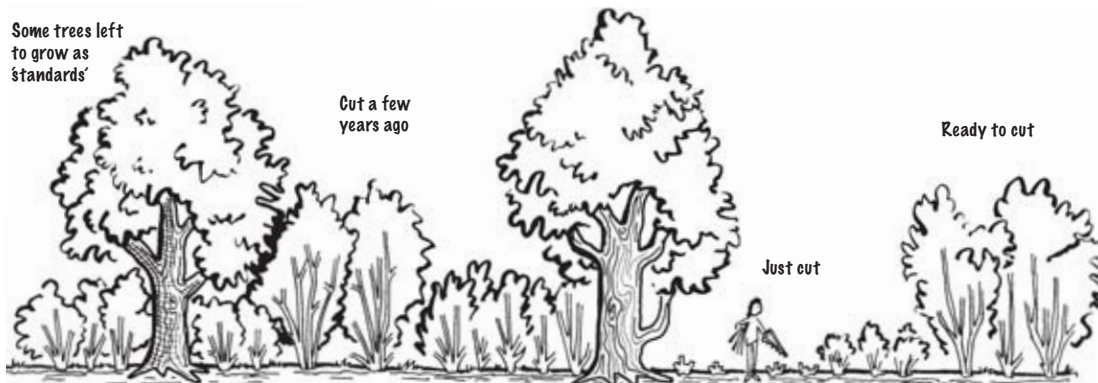
### Buying charcoal

Charcoal is often sold at local stores, garages, shops and garden centres. If you cannot get local charcoal, buy English charcoal, it is the next best thing.

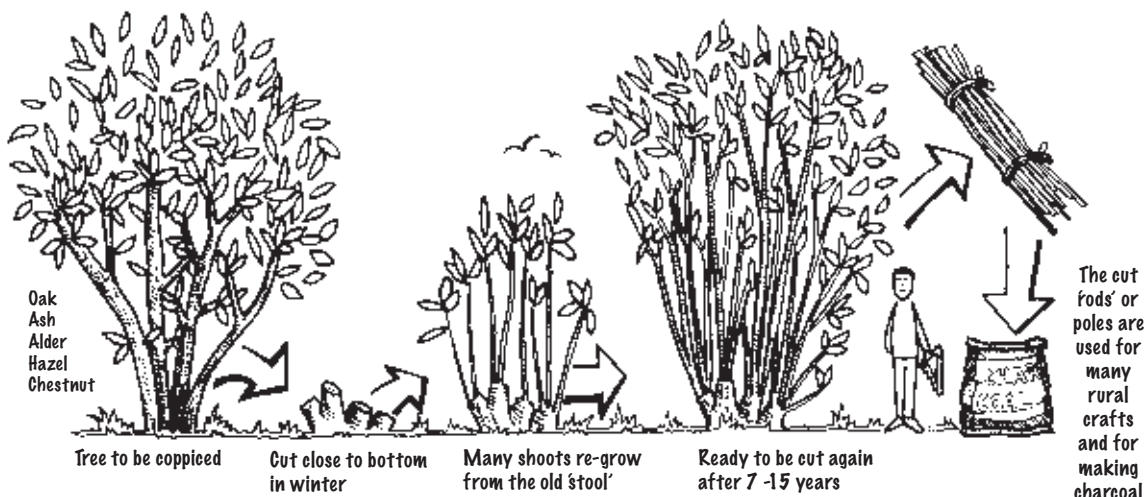
Contacts for local supplies and outlets can be found overleaf and on the insert sheet.

Take action to increase the demand - follow the suggestions on the other side of this leaflet.

It doesn't have to be an uphill struggle if we all do our bit to encourage changing lifestyles.



Varied age and size is good for different plants and animals



The same tree can be cut again and again and again and again.....

## LIST OF OUTLETS SELLING LOCAL CHARCOAL

While every effort has been made to ensure this list is correct, it may not be comprehensive. Therefore, if you sell local charcoal and have been omitted, please call 01243 756888 for inclusion. If you wish to sell charcoal from a local source please also call this number or contact your nearest supplier direct.

Local charcoal can also be purchased from selected B & Q DIY stores, some Tesco and Sainsbury's Homebase stores and distributed through the Bio-Regional network (Tel: 0208 404 2300).

It is also increasingly available at Farmer's Markets.

<b>Chichester/Bognor Regis Area and south west of county</b>		Oldwick Saddlery Oldwick Farm West Stoke 01243 527415	West Dean Stores West Dean Chichester 01243 811210	<b>East Grinstead Area</b>	Wealden Stores Whitemans Green Cuckfield 01444 454013
Bairds Farm Shop Climping Street Climping 01903 713346	Elmer Post Office & Stores Elmer Road Middleton on Sea 01243 583437	Parsonage Farm Shop Yapton Road Barnham 01243 552176	Williams Butchers Rookwood Road West Wittering 01243 514120	S Bishop & Son The Square Forest Row 01342 822740	<b>Horsham Area</b>
Beaver Tool Hire Ben Turner Industrial Estate Oving Road Chichester 01243 782510	Emsworth Hardware 11a High Street Emsworth 01243 376852	Rowland's Castle Hardware 11 The Green Rowlands Castle 023 9241 2332	<b>Crawley Area</b>	Haywards Heath Area	A& R Baileys Butchers 5 Church Street Warnham 01403 210666
Boxgrove Stores The Street Boxgrove 01243 773201	Goodrowe's 6 The Hornet Chichester 01243 784411	Runcton Farm Shop Pagham Road Runcton 01243 787847	Buchan Country Park Horsham Road Crawley 01293 542088	Balcombe Stores Haywards Heath Road Balcombe 01444 811239	Camelia Botnar Homes & Gardens Littleworth Lane Cowfold 01403 864773
Chidham Garage Main Road Chidham 01243 572542		Russells Garden Centre Main Road Birdham 01243 512525	Family Cook Hurst Farm Turners Hill Road Crawley Down 01342 712045	Fellows Bakery Ardingly 01444 892257	Handcross Hardware and Crafts High Street Handcross 01444 400212
		Southbourne Farm Shop Main Road Southbourne 01243 377521	Flanagan's Butchers 2 Station Road Crawley Down 01342 712740	Horsted Keynes Stores The Green Horsted Keynes 01825 790238	John Murray Butchers 2-4 The Parade Loxwood 01403 752859
			Holmbush Farm Shop Horsham Road Faygate 01293 851111		
Country Fare Main Road Funtington 01243 575245		Tamasheq 3-4 Cathedral Courtyard Southgate, Chichester 01243 776600	Tulleys Farm Shop Turners Hill Road Turners Hill 01342 718472	Wakehurst Place Gift Shop Ardingly 01444 894071	Newbridge Nursery Billingshurst Road Broadbridge Heath 01403 272686

Westons Farm Shop  
Fulford Road  
Itchingfield  
01403 791228

Northchapel Stores  
London Road  
Northchapel  
01428 707201

Storrington Drug Store  
7/9 Old Mill Square  
Storrington  
01903 744262

Timothy Mann,  
MANNSWOOD COPPICE  
PRODUCTS  
Edenbridge, Kent  
01732 867110

Oak Tree Stores  
Plaistow Road  
Ifold  
01403 752349

**Midhurst/Petworth Area and  
north west of county**

Ben Law  
Prickly Nut Wood Products  
DIRECT SALES  
07966 193154

**Worthing/Arundel Area**

**LIST OF CHARCOAL  
SUPPLIERS**

Austen & Co  
Market Square  
Petworth  
01798 342104

Aylings Garden Centre  
Trotton, Rogate  
Petersfield  
01730 813621

Chris & Lucy Wall-Palmer  
Didling Good Charcoal  
DIRECT SALES  
01730 814815

Cocking Post Office & Stores  
Cocking  
01730 815081

Gilhams Service Station  
Easebourne Lane  
Midhurst  
01730 813802

Harting Stores  
5 North Lane  
South Harting  
01730 825219

Queen Elizabeth Country Park  
Gravel Hill  
Hordean  
023 9259 5040

Rake Stores  
London Road  
Rake, Liss  
01730 892137

Robert & Edwards Butchers  
15 North Street  
Midhurst  
01730 813146

Clear & Sons  
DIRECT SALES  
01903 883758

Merry Meat  
Main Road  
Yapton  
01243 551327

Roundstone Farm Shop  
Littlehampton Road  
Ferring  
01903 785555

Pallant Wines  
17 High Street  
Arundel  
01903 882288

Peckhams Butchers  
The Square  
Findon  
01903 873202

R & I Stacey  
130 The Street  
Rustington  
01903 784431

SDS Lancing  
6 Queens Parade  
Lancing  
01903 521230

Jack's Yard

Arundel  
01903 883758

Chris & Lucy Wall-Palmer  
DIDLING GOOD CHARCOAL  
Midhurst  
01730 814815

David Foster  
Ardingly  
01444 892918

FOUR SEASONS FUELS  
CHARCOAL  
Coneyhurst  
01403 783379

Harvey Malthouse  
SUSSEX ROUNDHOUSE  
Lewes  
07815 148034

Ben Law  
PRICKLY NUT WOOD  
PRODUCTS  
Midhurst  
07966 193154

Martin Lewis  
ENGLISH ECOLOGICAL  
ENTERPRISES  
London  
0208 8719864

Plaistow Stores  
Plaistow  
01403 871236

Pretty's Garage  
Church Road  
Partridge Green  
01403 710215

Richard Hobbs  
The Coppice Trading Post  
DIRECT SALES  
07731 914989

Tottington Woodlanders  
DIRECT SALES  
01273 493316

Union Jack Farm Shop  
Henfield Road  
Cowfold  
01403 865386

Ian Plumer  
BROADOAK CHARCOAL  
Plaistow  
01403 753173

Alan & Jo Waters,  
WILDWOOD COPPICE  
PRODUCTS  
Chichester  
Tel: 01243 778106