



**Welcome** to the first of an occasional series of newsletters. We have decided to produce this to keep our clients, suppliers and friends up to date with what we are doing and developments within the business.

The most noticeable change for 2006 is, as can be seen above, our name. Over the last 2 years the level of pure forestry work that we have undertaken has been falling while we have been involved more and more in ecological and landscaping projects. Moving from **Knighton Forestry** to **Knighton Countryside Management** reflects this change in focus and will allow us to undertake a wider range of projects in the future.

The articles below show the wide range of projects that we have been involved with in the last 12 months. We hope that they are of interest.

*With best wishes for 2006 from all at Knighton Countryside Management*

### Countryside Stewardship Hedge Restoration

Over the course of Winter 2005 – 2006 we are restoring 44 hedges for the West Stafford Estate.

This work is being funded by the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and involves coppicing, laying, gapping up, removing elder and planting entire new hedges.

By the end of the project, the hedges across the estate will be in better condition and prepared for the environmentally related future of farming grants.



### Heated Bat Box

We have been contracted by Carillion plc to install one of the country's first heated bat boxes for Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Cosham, Portsmouth.

### Herpetosure Franchise

In summer 2005 we were awarded the franchise for the Herpetosure™ range of ecological mitigation fencing products for the South of the UK. Already we have installed Herpetosure™ fencing from Kent to Wales and 2006 promises to be very busy.

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### Tubex Agents

We continue to be Tubex agents for Dorset, selling the full range of Tubex tree protection products, as well as a full range of trees, shrubs, stakes & spiral guards.

Please contact us with your requirements.



### Woodland Regeneration

For the 2nd year running work has continued in Oakers Wood, restoring this important SSSI.

This year over 6km of rides have been cleared (many were still blocked from the 1987 hurricane) and 7 hectares of rhododendron have been removed, transforming the wood.





## Newt Fencing

We won a contract in summer 2005 to erect 10km of Great Crested Newt exclusion fencing for a new water pipeline being laid to supply water for the expansion of Ashford in Kent. This project used a combination of traditional timber and polythene fencing as well as Herpetosure™ temporary fencing for the more environmentally sensitive sections.

## Staff Profile

Pete Churchill has been working for Knighton Forestry since its inception in 1989. He is one of our senior foremen and is a hedge and tree planting wizard.



We calculate that PERSONALLY he has planted in excess of 1 million trees!!!! If you ask us to undertake a large planting project for you, it is likely that it is Pete who will be in charge.



Furthering links with **Kingston Maurward College** we now have 4 apprentices on our staff.



And one of our directors, Terry Adams, is currently studying the Royal Forestry Society Arboricultural course at the College.

## Tree Risk Assessments

We are undertaking an increasing number of Tree Risk Assessments for landowners, as awareness of the vital importance of professional monitoring and maintenance of trees increases, reducing liability risk.

## Tree Surgery

In summer 2005 we were asked to fell a group of trees on the Moreton Estate in Dorset. The area of trees covered about 1/2 acre and were categorized as dangerous in a Tree Risk Assessment. There were houses on one side, a main road on another, public access to more houses on the other two sides, power lines, phone lines and a bus shelter underneath one of the nastier trees!

We had up to 10 staff on site, 3 tractors and a 30m high access platform and cleared the site within 5 working days, all the time dealing with traffic management and concerned locals . . . The job was finished on time and on budget, albeit with a few more grey hairs!



## Sawmilling and Sawn Timber

Our mobile sawmill continues to be in demand. In 2005 we cut timber for houses, bridges, joinery, fencing and boat building. In the photo below we are cutting wany edged boards from durable Western Red Cedar for cladding for new houses.



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