

Fuelwood Survey

Wood is an important component of renewable energy, and can provide a cost effective resource, especially in rural communities such as Applecross that have significant areas of forest. This survey has been developed in an attempt to understand the current and future demand for fuelwood in Applecross, and what, if anything, limits its use. Many people already collect wood individually or collectively for burning in fires/stoves. The results of this survey will assist in the development of a long-term forestry plan for fuelwood supply. It also aims to find out local opinions on whether current local fuelwood provision is suitable, and if not, how it could be improved. Understanding and quantifying the local need for a fuelwood resource will also ultimately help improve local woodland/forest management.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS!! This survey can be completed anonymously. The results will be published in the next edition of the ALPS newsletter in the New Year.

1. What is the main source of energy supplying your domestic appliances, EXCLUDING HEATING (please tick; or rank in order of importance if more than one type is used: 1=most important)

Electricity	Gas (LPG)	Oil	Other (please specify)

2. What are the primary sources of energy for HEATING for your household (for home use - please tick; or rank in order of importance if more than one type is used: 1=most important)

Electricity	Gas (LPG)	Oil	Coal	Wood (logs)	Wood pellets	Other (please specify)

3. What type(s) of heating system do you use? Boiler / condensing boiler / back boiler / storage heater / room heater (electric) / open fire / stove / stove woodchip or pellet / Don't know? (please circle all that apply). What is the main type you use? _____.

4. Do you use wood as a source of heating (at home or work) YES/NO. If no, please go to Q.16.

5. If you use wood, what is this in? (please tick)

Open fire	Stove	Other (please specify)

6. If you use an open fire or stove, does this have a back boiler? YES/NO. If yes, do you use this regularly for heating your house or water? YES/NO. (If not, why not?)

7. From where do you obtain your wood? (please tick)

Purchase	Collect yourself locally	Other (please specify)

8. If you purchase wood, what is your approximate annual expenditure? (please tick)

£1-£99	£100 - £299	£300-499	£500+

9. If you collect wood locally for burning, approximately how much time do you spend collecting /processing it each year? (please tick)

Less than 1 day	1-5 days	6-10 days	More than 10 days

10. Do you also collect wood for households other than your own YES / NO (please circle). If yes, for how many households? _____ households.

11. Please specify, if you are able to, the approximate quantity of woodfuel your household uses per year, using whatever measurement you are most familiar with (e.g. tons / barrowloads / car boot loads etc.)

12. Are you using woodfuel to your household's capacity? YES/NO. If not, approximately how much more than your current usage could you use if it were economic to do so?

+25%	+50%	+75%	+100%	More than +100%

13. What, if anything, limits your use of wood for heating at home?

No appropriate stove / fire	Too much work	Too expensive	No reliable supply	Other (please specify)

14. Do you use wood for any work / business heating etc., in addition to your household usage? YES/NO. (If no, go to question 15), If yes, how much do you use? (approximate annual quantity)

15. Is there scope for increasing your business fuelwood usage? YES/NO. If so by how much? (+25%; +50%; +75%; +100%; more than +100%).

16. What factors, if any, would increase your use of wood for heating at home or for work / business?

17. Would you be prepared to pay for logs or wood pellets etc if a local supplier was able to supply them at a competitive price? YES/NO

18. Have you ever considered purchasing a log, pellet or woodchip boiler? YES/NO
If so, which? (please tick)

Log	Woodchip	Pellet	Other (please specify)

19. If you have considered it, but have decided against it, why was this?

Stove too expensive	No reliable source of fuel	Reliable source, but too expensive when compared to other sources of energy	Other (please specify)

20. If there was a guaranteed local and competitively priced supply of logs, would you reconsider purchasing a wood-fuel stove/boiler? YES / NO.

21. Do you think wood is a potentially important fuel source in Applecross? YES/NO.

22. What do you think would help realize the potential of wood as a fuel source in Applecross?

General information that will help us to understand the fuelwood demand better:

23. Are you an owner / tenant? (please circle)

24. Approximately how many months are you normally resident in Applecross each year?

12 months	9-11 months	6-9 months	Under 6 months

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!

Please return to either Elodie or Sam (ALPS Office, East Wing, Applecross House), or to the shop.