

# Using a Powered Pole Pruner

## At a glance...

### Training (Only)

Duration Notes: 1 day

Delivery Method: Theory/practical

Prerequisites: Learners are asked to comply with the following requirements: Powered pole pruner as per HSE guidance. PPE to include safety helmet, eye protection, hearing protection, protective gloves and safety boots. Operator's maintenance kit and equipment as per pre-course handout. 2-stroke fuel and saw chain oil. NB: Instructors have been instructed not to undertake training where learner's protective equipment does not meet appropriate requirements.

## Introduction

Build expertise in using a powerful and potentially dangerous tool with our one-day course.

This course is not an alternative to achieving the qualification in this area. Professional Users must achieve the Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner.

## Overview in brief

You'll need to be confident operating and maintaining powered pole pruners to the risk of accidents.

Our course will give you that confidence.

It's ideal if you work in a number of industries, from agriculture to woodland.

This is a hands-on course that delivers both practical skills and health and safety guidance **as well as demonstrating that you and your employer have completed sufficient training to meet the Provision**



**and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER).**



Those wishing to obtain either a to or a regulated qualification can then move on to the Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in Using a Powered Pole Pruner.

### The finer details

Our one-day course covers the basics of working with the powered pole pruner.

You'll learn health and safety requirements and how to maintain the machine.

Pre-cutting tests will be explained before you move on to practical work.

Course sessions:

- HSE legislation and safety guidelines
- Safety features of a powered pole pruner
- Maintaining the powered pole pruner chain
- Maintaining the guide bar
- Engine maintenance
- Starting the pruning saw and pre-cut checks
- Clear and tidy working area and pruning saw checks

Worth Noting: There is a physical element to this course. As a result, a minimum level of fitness is an essential requirement.

### Who should attend?

This course is suitable for you if you work in one of the following industries: Forestry Arboriculture Agriculture Horticulture Woodland Local Authorities Conservation Construction Land-based. Note: Due to the nature of the training a minimum level of fitness is required for specific operations. Whilst we would not want to disadvantage anyone it is an essential requirement.

### What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:





- Complete basic environmental checks prior to work operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required, report on its condition and locate standard markings
- Identify the health and safety features required on a pruning saw
- Identify faults and defects on a pruning saw and cutting equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- Carry out correctly all routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction book and/or the Lantra Awards workbook
- Prepare the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and chain lubrication
- Start the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and saw chain lubrication
- Carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the pruning saw fails these tests
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks and complete a risk assessment
- Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber
- Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- Use correct pruning methods
- Clear the pruned branches in a safe manner
- Organise site safety and state the procedures required.

