# Chainsaw Maintenance, Cross Cutting – Integrated Training and Assessment (ITA)

*"Informative and challenging. I came away having learnt a great deal, while enjoying the experience.'*

**Description**  An introduction to chainsaw maintenance, crosscutting for Integrated training and assessment for Chainsaw operators working **outside** forestry and arboriculture at a basic level can attend this occasional user training.

We have a full range of hire PPE (Person Protective Equipment), Chainsaws and maintenance tools if required, and links with local suppliers to help you get the right kit at the best price. If you would like to hire PPE or equipment, please let us know prior to your course.

Courses are held at our site in Lamberhurst, unless otherwise stated, where we have a fully equipped, heated workshop and plenty of trees for practice.

This is a general course outline showing the course objectives.

• Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required, report on its condition and locate the various standard marks

• Identify required safety and health features on a chainsaw

• Prepare the chainsaw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix and chain lubrication

• Start the chainsaw from both cold and hot in a safe manner

• Carry out pre-cutting safety tests and state the procedures if the chainsaw fails these tests

• State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks

• Organise site safety and state the procedures required

• Identify faults and defects on a chainsaw and cutting equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention

• Select and identify correct tools to enable maintenance to be carried out and report on their serviceability

• Carry out all routine maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction book and/or the Lantra Awards workbook

• Cross-cut timber accurately to required lengths

• Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber

• Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar

• Handle and stack timber in a safe manner.

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