

Forestry Yard Sylva Foundation



Grant: £23,495 (40%)

Sylva Foundation are an environmental charity working across Britain to care for forests, ensuring they thrive for people and for nature. They run the Sylva Wood Centre in Long Wittenham which offers work units to businesses with the aim of fostering innovation and business development in the sector.

Sylva were awarded a grant from LEADER in 2016 to build a new forestry yard in a redundant farm building. The yard opened in January 2018 and is being rented by a local forestry contractor allowing this business to expand into sawmilling and firewood.

The project will support Sylva Foundation to become more sustainable by bringing in an annual rent from the yard. There will also be benefits for the other tenant businesses who will have easy access to locally processed timber.

Priority: (2) Support micro and small businesses and farm diversification

Outputs over 3 years: Increase in turnover, one business benefitting