

Robin Walter – Chartered Forester

CURRICULUM VITAE

- Extensive experience in forestry, conservation, site management, arboriculture
- Passionate advocate for trees, woods and forestry in our lives
- Engaging communicator with landowners, politicians, professionals, contractors, government agencies, funders
- Working for transition to a low-carbon future

Work Experience

- 2010-2012 **Independent Forestry Consultant** on sustainable forest management & conservation.
FSC Forest Management Auditor for Soil Association
Co-writer of 'Greenspace Design for health and well-being' (published by FC)
Research into Community Trees for Common Ground environmental charity
- 2006-2010 Woodland Officer at the **Woodland Trust** for North & East Dorset and Hampshire. Management of Trust woods and outreach work on woodland conservation and establishment.
- 2001-2006 Forest Manager for **Griffiths Forestry Associates Ltd**, south Wilts. Professional management of private estate forests and forestry contracting work. Responsible for all aspects of silviculture, planting, harvesting, budgets, planning, work supervision, grants, FSC certification.
- 2002-2005 Secretary of the **Wessex Silvicultural Group**, an independent specialist forest study group made up of some of the region's most notable forestry and environmental professionals.
- 1998-2001 Manager for **Fountain Forestry**, working in the Wessex region. Responsible for forestry and landscape contracts, some forest management and especially large planting schemes.
- 1996-1998 Working as **self-employed forestry manager and contractor** in Dorset/Wilts. Clients included local estates, private owners, conservation bodies and harvesting contractors.
- 1989-1996 Working as **self-employed arborist**. Mostly as sub-contractor for "Treecare (Arboricultural Specialists)", an Arboricultural Association approved contractor in west London.

1988 Educational Officer for '**Green Deserts**', environmental charity, Suffolk. Researching and writing education pack for use in British schools about deforestation and desertification in Africa.

Education and Training

2011 Ongoing study of **agroforestry** and **silviculture** and resewarch into trees for **health** and **community forestry**

2010 **FSC Auditor** training with the Soil Association
Forest Garden training, Agroforestry Research Trust, Dartington
Agroforestry study at various sites

2009 **Wood Energy** study at ICF Conference and various seminars

2008 **Ignite** Woodfuel Training, Brecon
Transition Town Training, Totnes

2002 Became **Member of Institute of Chartered Foresters**.
Distinction in silviculture.

1996-99 **HND Forestry** at Newton Rigg College (part-time). All modules were passed with distinctions or merits.

1992-95 **RFS Certificate in Arboriculture**
Certificates of Competence for Chainsaws and Pesticides
Courses in National Vegetation Classification & ecology

1980-84 **Durham University** BA Hons in German with French 2.1

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