

# CNP National Park Firewood Users Survey

## Summary of Responses as at 20 Dec 2011

### Who responded?

Here is a quick snap shot of what the survey has revealed so far. We've had 35 responses, 26 from people living in the National Park.

We plan to keep the survey running, so do encourage any woodfuel users you know to take part. After completing the survey you now get instant access to most of the results, and if anyone, including suppliers, would like more detailed results including comments, just get in touch with Penny Lawson at CNPA.

### Woodfuel Use

28 use woodburning stoves

8 use open fires

none use log boilers

10 agree 'I find it easy to source good quality seasoned logs'

14 neither agree or disagree

9 disagree

30 have access to a woodstore for seasoning, 3 don't.

8 out of the 35 have difficulties sourcing firewood. The majority buy logs in advance, have enough storage for one winter and don't have a problem sourcing more if they run out towards the end of winter. Just over half are happy to collect using their own transport.

### Sources of firewood

Own woodland, cut and split self – 9

Local farm/estate, cut and split self – 4

Merchant, provided pre-split – 12

### Seasoning

21 say they can tell if firewood is seasoned, 8 not sure, 1 can't.

14 think, weight for weight, seasoned softwood contains the same energy as seasoned hardwood, 16 disagree.

### Comments on how suppliers could improve service, and other comments

Seasoning is one of main issues, with some wanting suppliers to season logs better and to a reliable standard while others prefer to buy green and season their own so that the user has control.

There is a clear need to standardise and clarify load quantities.

Better publicity of suppliers is needed.

Some users want info about sustainability of source of wood.

There was interest in co-operative arrangements with forest managers for individuals or communities to get involved in cutting and collecting firewood from undermanaged woodland