

# THE CHISHOLME INSTITUTE

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## Forestry Fortnight, 7 April to 21 April 2008

Dear Friend,

As the criteria of the Millennium Forest Scheme have been met, this year's Forestry Fortnight will include work within more mature plantations. There are plans afoot to install log-burning boilers as a more efficient and eco-friendly heating system for the Main House and Steading complex. It is therefore a priority to start brashing, thinning and processing our softwood plantations. We will also be, as always, carrying out the necessary maintenance of the recent plantations.

So, once again, we would like to extend an invitation to all foresters, experienced or inexperienced, to join us in this ongoing project to reinstate and maintain the estate's original shelterbelt. This fortnight offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the clean fresh air of the Scottish Borders, to meet friends – old and new – and to participate in the upkeep and life at the school.

The dates of this year's Forestry Fortnight are Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April inclusive. We provide full board and lodging (vegetarians catered for, but any more specific requirements will need to be discussed with our secretary beforehand) in exchange for your involvement, which might encompass other areas of the estate, garden or even helping out in the kitchen, as you may wish. We are not asking for your presence for the whole fortnight, but if you could indicate on the pro-forma below your likely dates and numbers, that will help enormously. If you require any more information, please refer to our website ([www.beshara.org](http://www.beshara.org)) or contact the office.

**NOTE:** As we cannot guarantee perfect weather for April, please bring warm clothes, boots/wellies, work gloves etc. If you are interested in camping on the estate, this can also be arranged.

Many thanks,

Benjamin Young

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Dear Beshara, ..... will be coming to the 2008 Forestry Fortnight from ..... to ..... inclusive. There will be a total of ..... men and ..... women in the group.

Names of volunteers:

Vegetarians: