

September 2022



September is the time of year flailing takes place at Bedgebury. A flail is an industrial mower that is capable of cutting small regeneration, bracken and grasses. We cut the site on a rotation leaving some areas for habit. Meanwhile, cutting others to allow wildflowers to naturally sow and remove grass that will brown, for aesthetics. Grass cutting also involves using strimmer's where less accessible, such as ditches and steep slopes. Grass cutting allows us to access areas where we will be planting as well as places for the Christmas lights to be positioned.

This month I attended revision at Cannock for my apprenticeship end point assessments in September and October. The practical assessment covers 5 topics that we have learnt over the apprenticeship, but we don't find out until the day. This could be anything from pollution control to felling. Then we must complete a 60-question multiple choice paper. It's always nice catching up with the other apprentices, but strange this time as it was our last get together before we moved onto our new jobs.

Me and Sarah have been given jobs as forest craftspeople at Bedgebury, if successful in the final assessments. This allows us to both consolidate everything we have learnt over the past two years, as well as helping to mentor the new apprentice that starts in November!

