

Powered Pole Pruners are useful pieces of equipment. They save time and work efficiently in tricky terrains and situations. But they also have the potential to be one of the most dangerous machines in common use. Our course will help novice users recognise and reduce those dangers. You'll also learn how to optimise performance and carry out routine maintenance.

## Who is the course for?

This is an integrated training and assessment course for anyone employed in the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industry that currently operates, or will be required to operate a powered pole pruner.

This course is physical so you must be fit and able to carry out the tasks required in the course programme.

## Course Outline

1 day for all users\* - an integrated training and assessment course, with mix of theory and practical sessions. Refresher training is recommended every three to five years.

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Complete basic environmental checks prior to work operations
- Identify the necessary personal protective equipment required, report on its condition and locate standard markings
- Identify the health and safety features required on a pruning saw
- Identify faults and defects on a pruning saw and cutting equipment and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- Carry out correctly all routine maintenance in accordance with the machine manufacturer's instruction book and/or the Lantra Awards workbook
- Prepare the pruning saw for use with the correct fuel/oil mix
- Start the pruning saw from both hot and cold start in a safe manner
- Carry out pre-cutting checks and state the procedures if pruning saw fails these tests
- State the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks
- Assess and explain the terms 'tension' and 'compression' in timber
- Adopt safe procedures to remove a trapped guide bar
- Use correct pruning methods
- Clear the pruned branches in a safe manner
- Organise site safety and state the procedures required.

## What should you bring to the course?

Powered Pole Pruner with manual and 2-stroke fuel and saw chain oil.  
Chainsaw helmet or similar, visor / goggles, gloves, work boots with toe protection, loose non-snag work overalls, a passport-style photo for the card (hardcopy or e-mail a .jpeg file), and photo id.  
We recommend that all candidates carry a personal first aid kit (including a large wound dressing) and that all chainsaw users undertake suitable first aid training.

## Cost

£240

## Certificate

Lantra Awards certificate of training and skills card

Come and join us at our next 'open course'. Please contact us for details or check our website, [lynher.com](http://lynher.com) for dates and prices. If you have a group of people needing training (maximum of four per course) and would like us to come to your site, please contact us for a quote.

\*All trainees must be over 16 years of age and in good health. Persons with certain ailments or on certain medication may not be able to take part in the practical sessions.



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