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First Wales Apprentice appointed by BHL Charitable Trust





The British Horse Loggers Charitable Trust (BHLCT) (www.britishhorseloggerscharitabletrust.org) have appointed their first Wales apprentice for their apprenticeship scheme, **Kevin Taylor** of Talysarn in North Wales. Kevin took up his new responsibilities on a three-year apprenticeship in mid-July and has been placed with two professional and experienced horseloggers, **Barbara Haddrill from Carnog Working Horses** (www.carnog.co.uk), based in Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant, Powys, and Kate Mobbs-Morgan from Rowan Working Horses, based in Monmouth (www.rowanworkinghorses.co.uk). Kevin will be working with them throughout the length and breadth of Wales. The appointment is a direct result of the Llwynywermod "Seeing is Believing" event run by the BHLCT in July 2012 and is supported by a financial grant from Natural Resources Wales.

Kevin spent 23 years in the RAF before setting up his tree surgery and hedge-laying business, **Shire X Logging**, in January 2013. He runs an off-water-grid smallholding in Talysarn with his partner and has a wide knowledge of animal husbandry and welfare covering dogs, cats, chickens, sheep, bees and horses.

Both Barbara and Kate are full-time horseloggers on the **British Horse Loggers Professional Register** (www.britishhorseloggers.org) and specialise in woodland management using horses as the main means of timber extraction. They work in different types of site and offer competitive and low-impact management, from small woodlands with limited infrastructure and steep or difficult terrain, to commercial thinnings working the whole contract or alongside other machine operators, to maximise efficiency for forest owners.

Shown left to right in the top photo are Sol, Kate, Kevin, Barbara and Tyler. In the bottom photo are Barbara's horse Billy and Kevin.

Ceffylau Gwaith Carnog Working Horses are based in the Tanat Valley at Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Powys. See their website www.carnog.co.uk for more information or call Barbara on 07901 741217.

Rowan Working Horses are based on the outskirts of Monmouth. See their website www.rowanworkinghorses.co.uk for more information or call Kate on 07986 337205.