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Eco friendly wedding venue set to run on coppice wood

New boiler to help chip away at costs

A WEDDING venue is installing a new boiler to reduce its carbon footprint.

Braxted Park, in Great Braxted, is replacing five oil-fired boilers with a single 150Kw wood chip boiler.

Following recommendations from the Carbon Trust, the new boiler will cater for all the heating and hot water needs of the main house throughout the year.

Fuel for the wood chip burner will be sourced from the 500-acre estate using the coppice from the ancient semi-natural woodland.

This will help restore and revitalise the woodland, which will now be managed as it was hun-

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dreds of years ago.

Duncan Clark, owner and manager of Braxted Park, said: "Braxted Park is Grade II listed so it is imperative that we do everything we can to conserve it.

"The wood chip boiler is a more economical and environmentally-friendly option and is one of many heritage and conservation projects we are implementing to increase the sustainability of the estate."

Work is also underway to restore the 4½-mile wall surrounding the park, a dam wall at the main lake and the hermitage, which was listed as a



● CUTTING COSTS – Duncan Clark, owner and manager of Braxted Park, with wood chips used to feed the new boiler.

building at risk on the English Heritage register. Repairs are also being made to the exterior brickwork of the house, its octagonal windows and roof.

The projects are being undertaken with the help of English Heritage, the Country House Foundation, Maldon District Council and DEFRA.