

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fee for membership depends on the number of acres owned by the applicant:



NUMBER OF ACRES OWNED	start-up FEE	yearly FEE
0.247 – 20	€ 100	€ 30
21 – 100	€ 150	€ 40
101+	€ 200	€ 50

After the first year membership may be renewed on an **annual** basis for a **subscription of €30, €40 or €50** as above.

Each applicant who is accepted as a member will be issued with one ordinary share in the Society.

If you would like to apply for membership, please complete the Expression of Interest Form below and forward it the following address:

Donegal Woodland Owners Society Limited  
P. O. Box 10, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact ADMIN: tel. 086 0410809



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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please send me a membership application package

NAME & ADDRESS: .....

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PHONE .....

EMAIL .....

OCCUPATION: .....

DATE: .....

## The DWOSL offers the following benefits to its members:

- **A Platform for private Forest Owners:** through a regularly issued newsletter, website, Field Days, Study Trips and meetings the DWOSL keeps its members updated and informed on developments in the forestry sector and specific issues affecting private forest owners in Donegal.
- **Forest Machinery Hire:** Timber processing machinery along with a trained and insured operator and tractor are hired out to members and non-members (extra charges apply). This includes: timber processing machines for up to 36 cm diameter firewood, 12 ton timber trailer with grab, tipping trailers, a post peeler with circular saw and pointer, a log splitter and a timber winch.
- **Independent Timber Marketing:** the Society assists its members with timber marketing, volume measurements and sales by pooling resources and hence maximising the saleability of their timber.
- **Forest Maintenance works:** the Society provides attractive price packages on establishing and maintaining inspection paths (to facilitate a forest inventory) and fire breaks as well as planting, pruning, thinning and harvesting works. The work is done by professional insured forest workers.
- **Forest Administration and Management:** a registered Forester is working for the DWOSL assisting with Felling License Applications, Grant Applications incl. Afforestations, Management Plans and Forest Inventory work or any other forest related issues.



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## WOODLAND SERVICES & TIMBER MARKETING



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## DONEGAL WOODLAND OWNERS SOCIETY LTD.

- Are you a forest owner?
- Do you want to maximise returns from your woodland?
- Do you want to learn more about managing your plantation?
- Do you want to acquire the skills and knowledge to undertake work in your own plantation?
- Do you want to take ownership of your trees on your land?



Field Day on Thinning of Broadleaves in conjunction with Teagasc, Spring 2010

**By organising into a group woodland owners in Donegal can increase the saleability of their produce and bring their plantations into active management increasing the quality of their produce and thus the returns.**

### **Joining our Co-operative Society:**

To be eligible for membership applicants must own woodland located in Co. Donegal. Each member owns one share in the Society, irrespective of the size of their woodland. The share has a permanent value of € 5.

**About Us:** Donegal Woodland Owners Society Limited was registered as a cooperative Society on 27th March 2008. The main objective of the Society is to maximise returns to forest owners through good forest management. The voluntary commitment of the members has resulted in huge cost savings to the group. To date the Society has over 140 members who between them own approximately 10,000 acres of woodland located in Co. Donegal. The society has appointed an office administrator on a part-time basis and a qualified forester to develop and manage growth in this multi-business sector.

**Committee:** A Committee of up to 13 members is elected every year at the Annual General Meeting. Measures were put in place to ensure the Committee has representatives from throughout the County.

**Our achievements:** A bottom up, hands on approach has been adopted by the Society members with the added commitment of voluntary time and labour. Reward for this commitment will be in the skills acquired and employed in the best management of their forests and from the local processing and value added of their timber and the non timber forest goods and services (e.g. recreation, tourism, etc). To date the DWOSL has been successfully established and a County-wide structure is in place.

We have established a proven track record having successfully fulfilled all the criteria of a 2007/2008 start up grant from the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Initiated by a successfully finished 90 ha inventory project during a diploma thesis, under assistance of TEAGASC and the University of Applied Forest Sciences, Rottenburg a LEADER grant aided Forest Inventory project could be successfully realized in Autumn 2009.

**Our Aims are:** To cultivate a forestry culture throughout Donegal through education and training from schools to forest owners to the wider community, to add value in Donegal by pooling members' resources, to achieve the best sustainable profit to the forest owner through forest management services, timber sales and added value at local level and to create local sustainable employment from members' forests.

**Future Developments:** The DWOSL is committed to make the group financially sustainable and provide professional services and training to members. Membership of DWOSL and its customer base can be enlarged, the machinery pool further increased and goods and services expanded to meet the increasing needs of our members and our local communities. To enhance future decision making our database needs to be constantly enlarged and refined. Three to four timber depots will have to be strategically located in the County for seasoning, sawn timber processing, firewood marketing, packaging and the further processing/job creation and added value to Donegal's timber. With ever increasing volumes of timber coming onto the market from privately owned forests it is now time for Donegal to harness this indigenous growth area. This can be done through actively liaising with policy makers in the forestry sector and raising our public identity and salability of our product.

**Pro-active management of your plantation will ensure you maximise returns from your forest investment.**