



DONEGAL WOODLAND OWNERS SOCIETY LIMITED

FORM A

APPLICATION FOR AN ORDINARY SHARE BY AN INDIVIDUAL

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for 1 (one) Ordinary Transferable €5 Share in the above named Society, in respect of which I agree to make the payments required by the rules of the Society and otherwise to be bound thereby.

* SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: OCCUPATION:

ADDRESS: *WITNESS:

..... DATE:

* WITNESS CAN BE ANY ADULT OTHER THAN SPOUSE/PARTNER

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED AND RETURNED A GREEN "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" FORM PLEASE TICK HERE

IF NOT, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

NAME	
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER	
MOBILE NUMBER	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
NUMBER OF FORESTRY BLOCKS	
CN NUMBER(S)	

* DECLARATION

I understand that the information provided by me to Donegal Wood Owners Society Ltd. shall be used solely for the purposes of the aforementioned project and for no other purpose and shall not be sold, given away, traded, let, hired or otherwise dealt with, without my consent.

I understand that my participation in the project is voluntary and I hereby indemnify the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food against any claims for loss or damage to property arising from my participation in this project.

I understand that only fully paid-up members have the right to vote at the DWOSL AGM (at the 31st March each year).



FOREST SPECIFICATIONS

BLOCK 1

LOCATION OF FORESTRY PLANTATION	
CONTRACT NUMBER	
YEAR OF PLANTING	
AREA PLANTED – PLEASE CIRCLE HECTARES/ACRES	HECTARES / ACRES
SPECIES	
MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLETED	YES / NO / NOT APPLICABLE
FOREST ROADS IN SITU	YES / NO
ACCESS: PROXIMITY TO COUNTY ROAD	GOOD / BAD

BLOCK 2

LOCATION OF FORESTRY PLANTATION	
CONTRACT NUMBER	
YEAR OF PLANTING	
AREA PLANTED – PLEASE CIRCLE HECTARES/ACRES	HECTARES / ACRES
SPECIES	
MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLETED	YES / NO / NOT APPLICABLE
FOREST ROADS IN SITU	YES / NO
ACCESS: PROXIMITY TO COUNTY ROAD	GOOD / BAD

BLOCK 3

LOCATION OF FORESTRY PLANTATION	
CONTRACT NUMBER	
YEAR OF PLANTING	
AREA PLANTED – PLEASE CIRCLE HECTARES/ACRES	HECTARES / ACRES
SPECIES	
MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLETED	YES / NO / NOT APPLICABLE
FOREST ROADS IN SITU	YES / NO
ACCESS: PROXIMITY TO COUNTY ROAD	GOOD / BAD



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MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fee for membership depends on the number of acres owned by the applicant. The initial start-up fee includes a first consultation visit by the DWOSL Forester.

NUMBER OF ACRES OWNED	start-up FEE
0.247-20	€ 100
21 - 100	€ 150
101+	€ 200

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

NUMBER OF ACRES OWNED	renewal FEE
0.247-20	€ 30
21 - 100	€ 40
101+	€ 50

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 Membership Application Form and forward it along with a Cheque / Bank Draft made payable to **Donegal Woodland Owners Society Limited** for the appropriate amount as outlined above to 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 me.

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 Forestry Consultant DWOSL
 087 9828223



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES: Improve essential management services to members. Develop alternative sustainable transition management systems for forest growers, from monoculture forestry into close to nature forestry. To further develop wood processing and wood fuel opportunities and added value to timber by grouping forest plantation into management units (clusters). Establish heat supply systems throughout the County and a Wood Centre which combines a forest with a timber yard, wood processing, drying, packaging, storage, added value, furniture making showroom and educational training facility in one central location and utilizes wood energy for heat and power.



DONEGAL WOODLAND OWNERS' SOCIETY LTD.

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FORESTER ▪ forester.dwosl@gmail.com ▪ tel. 087 9828223

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.
 - THINNING PACKAGES: Thinning procedures depend on site and the owners' management objective – choice between selective or line thinning. Prices are paid for standing volumes, guaranteeing transparency for the forest owner. A professional forester will mark the trees for selective thinning.
- **FOREST ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT:** a registered Forester is working for the DWOSL assisting with Felling Licence Applications, Grant Applications incl. Afforestations, Management Plans and Forest Inventory work or any other forest related issues.
 - FOREST INVENTORY PRIOR TO FIRST THINNING: Includes field visit, taking sample plots, calculating the growing stock, giving a forecast of how the stand will develop and forecast harvesting volumes (based on the GROWFOR software). Assessed data is stored and displayed in a GIS (Geographical Information System).
 - FOREST CONSULTANCY - FREE FOR MEMBERS VIA PHONE: Information & advice on all forestry related matters.
 - MANAGEMENT PLAN: Completion of all paper-work, incl. field visit if required.
 - GRANT APPLICATIONS / FELLING LICENSE APPLICATION: Completion of all paper-work, incl. field visit if required.

LIST OF SERVICES AND CHARGES:

*(all prices are net of VAT)

SERVICE	CHARGE (MEMBERS)*	(NON-MEMBERS)*
Forest Inventory	<6 ha: € 250; 6-10 ha: + € 20/ha; > 10ha: +€10/ha	+ 25 %
Brash Paths	€ 0.33 /meter depending on site conditions	
Consultancy	€ 20 /hour for field visits; free on phone	
Management Plan	€ 300	
Felling License	General € 40 excl. field visits (20€/h); Limited – on request-	
Grant Application	20€/ hour (Estimate on request)	
Thinning packages - on request	€ 5-10 /m ³ paid standing (depend on site&system)	
Machinery hire -with insured&trained operator only-	Firewood processor (up to d=36 cm) € 40/h Timber Trailer and Grab (12 ton) € 40/h Bilkie processor (up to d=23 cm) € 30/h Log winch € 30/h Post peeler € 30/h Log splitter € 30/h Ivor Williams tipping trailer (excl.tractor/operator) € 50/day	+ 25 %
Quotes incl. operator & tractor (if not stated otherwise) Large jobs quoted on request		
Firewood - delivery on request – - cut to costumer specifications-	Seasoned Hardwood bag (approx.10 kg) € 3 Seasoned Softwood bag (approx.10 kg) € 2.50 Trailer (3.0 x 1.17 x 1.62 = 5.9 dumped volume): € 280 soft-/ € 380 hardwood Unseasoned hard & softwood available at reduced rate. Larger timber quantities cut to costumer size & quoted on request.	