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The graceful Finzean House on Deeside was the venue for the well-attended Scottish Land and Estates Rural Enterprise' Demonstration Day on 2nd July 2013.

The morning session was chaired by DEREK McDONALD of ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL and the first speaker was IAN COWE, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF FORESTRY COMMISSION. Ian's theme that was revisited throughout the day was that **there is a significant and sustainable timber market in Scotland that is not being either recognised or realised.** He also mentioned the Forestry Commission's new Peel Centre in Glentress made from Scottish Larch, Douglas Fir, Oak and Birch. He went on to confirm that the current SRDP' SMF and WIG grants remain open for Restructuring Felling and Regeneration and Long Term Forest Planning.

ANDREW NICOL representing DWP Harvesting opened his talk by advising that **the Finzean Estate, who was hosting this event, were founder members of DWP HARVESTING timber co-operative, based here on Royal Deeside.** Andrew explained that realising the sustainable value of DWP Members timber resources remains the founding principle of the co-operative.

Andrew went on to tell the meeting about the Norwegian Timber Co-operative Viken Skog's visit in 2012 as part of DWP's Silver Jubilee celebrations. **They confirmed that here in Scotland our farming sector are missing a trick as our Scandinavian neighbours all view their timber resources as making an essential contribution towards their annual income.**

IT presentation equipment was put aside when **HARDWOOD CONSULTANT, GAVIN MUNRO** gave the meeting the valued benefit of his 52 years of experience in the British forestry industry using nothing more than a flip chart and a felt pen.

After a lovely buffet lunch when there was time to catch up with faces old and new, the outdoor clothing was donned and delegates were given a practical demonstration of a wide range of forestry machinery.

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