

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, several large, moss-covered tree trunks stand prominently. The ground is covered with fallen brown leaves. In the background, a person wearing a blue jacket and dark pants is standing among the trees. The sky is visible through the branches of the trees.

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## FOREWORD

I am delighted to welcome this wonderful publication on forestry in Ireland. There have been dramatic changes in forestry in Ireland since the introduction of EU funding in the 1980s and this book captures these changes very well. These changes have been so rapid that it is difficult to find a publication that gives an overview of the industry in the recent past. This publication satisfies that need.

The book, however, covers more than just the recent past – it gives a quick overview of the development of tree cover since the Ice Age and the subsequent decline of the woods since the arrival of people on this island.

I want to acknowledge John Mc Loughlin's persistence in pursuing the project and Conor Ryan of Irish Life & Permanent for the innovative funding arrangements.

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Dorothy Hayden  
President  
Tree Council of Ireland

## MESSAGE FROM THE SPONSOR

Irish Life & Permanent is delighted to be involved in helping to promote a greater awareness and understanding of our natural environment and welcomes this publication.

To play our part, we at Irish Life & Permanent actively encourage our shareholders to receive certain communications from us electronically instead of by paper. For each shareholder that makes the switch, we donate €2 to the Tree Council of Ireland. To date almost 6,500 shareholders have opted to go "digital".

I hope this donation on behalf of our shareholders will assist the Tree Council in their important work and I congratulate them on this publication. It will act as a great introduction for people with little or no previous knowledge of Ireland's trees and forests, and will be distributed free of charge.

Finally, as a thought, perhaps you could take this opportunity to consider what alternatives to paper you could use in communicating with the companies or people you do business with.

Gillian Bowler  
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