

Confor

Promoting forestry and wood

The Confor Woodland Show was held at Longleat, Wiltshire in early September. It will be the last UK event we will attend this year. It was a good exhibition catering for everyone involved in forestry and arboriculture. The larger manufacturers of harvesting equipment were not present but there was still a great selection of equipment and regular demonstrations taking place.

The weather was good over the two days and stallholders reported that it was good event to get their products noticed. Traffic was free flowing in and out of the show and entry to the event was well organised with no hold ups.

The Confor marquee hosted a programme of seminars with guest speakers discussing the current topics affecting the forest industry.

The Forest Workers Zone was an excellent place for the visitors to get to know more about our industry. Live demonstrations took place by industry experts on chainsaw maintenance,

hydraulic repairs and a John Deere Simulator was available for the next generation of operators to try out. Advice was offered to those with an interest in forestry as a career and a series of 20 minute micro-courses were held.

It was fascinating to watch the horse loggers at work - this is still an effective way of removing timber from sensitive areas with minimal ground impaction.

Another crowd puller was the UK Loggers team selection for the World Logging Championship. This saw chainsaw operators compete in a variety of timed events to be in with a chance of representing the UK in the World Logging Championships. The disciplines included crosscutting and de-limbing the stems and all in all it was an excellent event with lots to see and do, good catering facilities which were not overpriced and a very reasonably priced entry free (free to Confor Members).

I will certainly be returning.

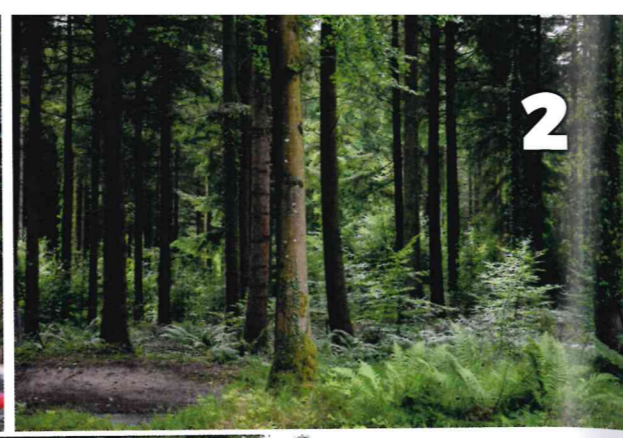


This year's show theme "Forests, Wood and Climate Change", was at the heart of the seminar programme. To help reduce the amount of disposable drinkware used at the show, Confor gave discounts if you brought and used your own travel mug. Water bottle refills were also available at the Confor tent and show entrance.





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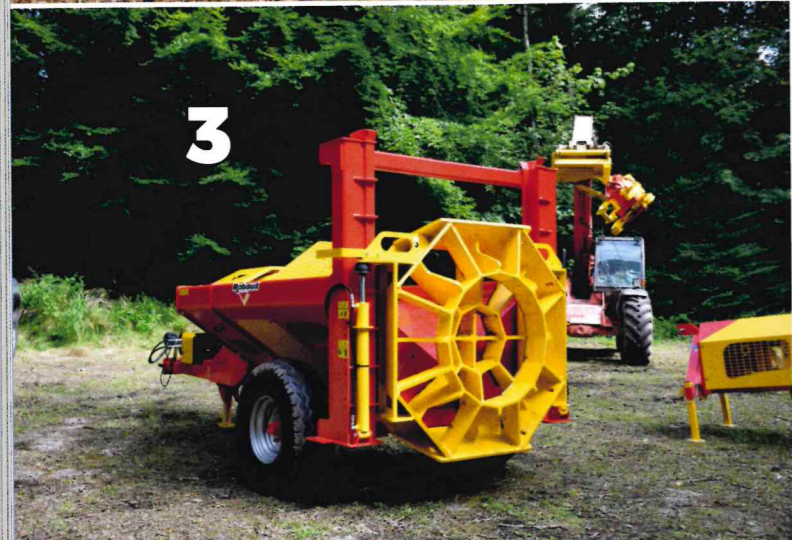
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- 1. Some excellent chainsaw carvings.
- 2. Good examples of well managed woodlands.
- 3. Home Forestry llp's large Rabaud mounted splitter.
- 4. Claas/Jenz chipping combination.
- 5. Useful lifting equipment from Penny Hydraulics.
- 6. Chainsaw heats to determine who will represent the UK in the World Logging Championships.
- 7. Where is Wendy with the cheque book when I need her!



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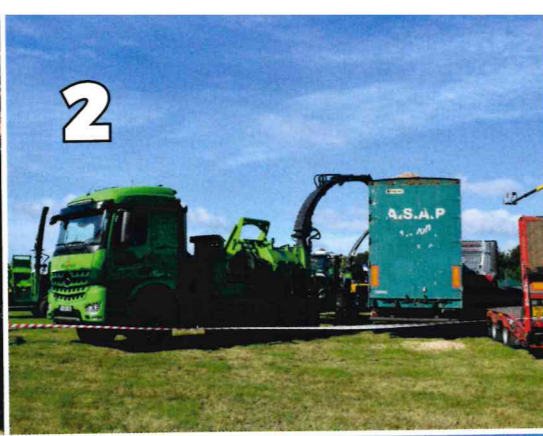
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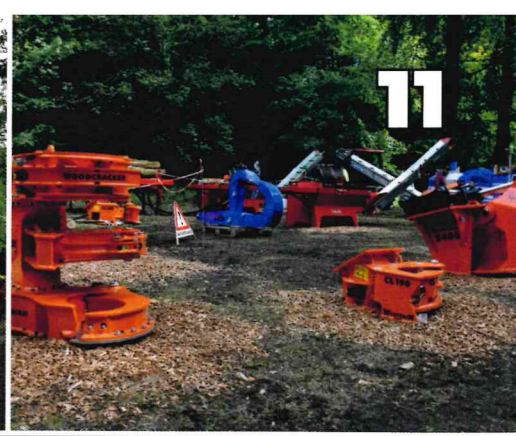
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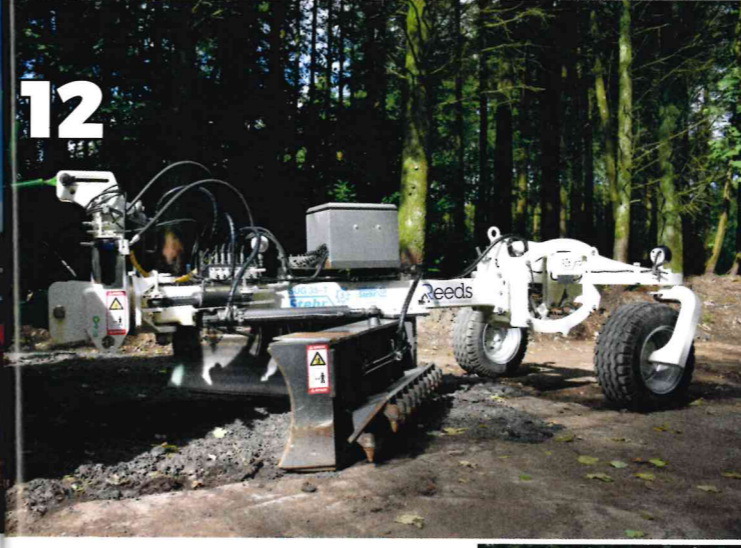
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- 1. Mother kutter tree shears from RSL
- 2. Heizohack chipper truck from Fuelwood.
- 3. Trackplot - app based lone working system - life saving technology.
- 4.99 Fendt with a Mus-Max WT10 chipper.
- 5. Valtra/Kesla loader - be frightened to get that scratched in the forest.
- 6. The original skidder
- 7. Handy tool from the Ratchet Shop to lift barrels.
- 8.Starting to get busy.

- 9. John Deere demonstrating in the woodland area!
- 10&11. KRPA forwarding trailer and Westtech Woodcrackers on display at Marshall Agricultural Logging.
- 12.Reeds road grading equipment.
- 13. Paul Vidgens AHWI Prinoth 500 Raptor and tractor mounted scarifier.
- 14. Caledonian Forestry Services display or Rabaud, Palax and Kesla.



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