**The Society of Irish Foresters**

***in association with***

**Forest Service (NI) Retired Staff**

**Northern Field Day**

**Ballyhaise College *and* Justin Good, Derryhoo, Co. Cavan**

**Date: Friday, 18 May 2018**

**Time: 10.00am**

**Meeting Point: Ballyhaise College, Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan.**

**Directions: Ballyhaise College is located 1km north of Ballyhaise and is approx. 8kms north of Cavan town.**

***Tea/Coffee on arrival***

***Participants are advised to bring suitable clothing and footwear.***

**Morning Session:** Our visit will begin with a short introduction to Ballyhaise College and the forestry courses it offers. The 50ha of diverse woodlands on the college’s 220ha estate facilitates practical training modules for the students during their Level 5 & Level 6 Forestry courses. Many of these students subsequently progress to Level 7 & Level 8 courses at Waterford Institute of Technology. This year Ballyhaise College celebrates the 30th anniversary of its forestry courses. During the morning we will visit the college’s new forest harvester simulator (the only one of its kind in this country), adjacent agro-forestry stands and the college’s phenological plots.

***Lunch: Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee will be provided***

**Afternoon Session:** After lunch we will depart Ballyhaise College and travel to visit privately owned woodlands near Milltown, Co. Cavan. Owned and managed by Justin Good, a professional forester who received his early forestry training at Ballyhaise College, these diverse broadleaf woodlands will offer a wide range of topics for discussion. Managed primarily on a commercial basis, these woodlands showcase several innovative revenue streams including organic pig production and apiculture. In 2014, Justin Good won the national award in the RDS-Forest Service Irish Forestry and Woodland Awards for excellence in managing his forests.

**4.30pm – Field Day ends.**

***The cooperation of Marianne Lyons & Kevin O’Connell (Teagasc) and Justin Good***

***(Good Woodland Services) in organising and hosting this field day***

***is gratefully acknowledged***