

Grown in Britain Week celebrated in East Lothian



BSW Timber's Petersmuir Mill marks the event

The East Lothian sawmill is lending its support to Grown in Britain Week, starting today, which celebrates the valuable contribution that forestry and home-grown timber products make to the UK economy.

The week-long series of activity and events throughout the UK has been organised as part of a national campaign to raise awareness of the nation's forestry sector, which contributes £2 billion to the UK economy and supports 170,000 mostly rural jobs.

BSW Timber's Petersmuir mill produces around 20,000 m³ of sawn timber each year, mainly for the UK's agricultural timber and fencing market. All timber is sourced from local woodlands and forests, helping to provide almost 20 jobs at the Petersmuir mill, plus thousands more across the local supply chain.

BSW Timber now produces almost one third of all UK sawn softwood output following a multi-million pound investment in modern manufacturing sites and customer services across the UK.

Welcoming the launch of Grown in Britain Week, Tony Hackney, the company's chief executive, said:- "The Grown in Britain Campaign comes at a critical time for UK producers – both to highlight the importance of timber to the UK and to galvanising industry and Government support for British forestry and forestry products

“There has never been a better time to celebrate UK timber and the role it plays in improving and driving forward our economy – and supporting jobs and investment in areas such as Petersmuir, as well as the local supply chain.”

For more information about activities and events for Grown in Britain Week, visit www.growninbritain.org