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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Open days to connect with the public

The forestry and wood processing sector is a £2 billion industry across the UK, but has often operated below the radar of the general public.

Open days are a great way of engaging people in the forestry and wood story and explaining what we do. We need to do more to get people out into our forests and processing facilities to show them what we are doing.

EGGER (UK) Ld has recently organised an Open Day (see opposite page) and the experience shows that people are surprised, and delighted, to see the modern and exciting face of the industry. Whether it is members of the local community or a politician, we find that they are always impressed by the hi-tech nature of the wood processing business – and technology is a great way to engage young people. And they do also love to ride in the diggers.

Open days in busy working environments can be a daunting prospect – but we must not let that put us off and we must ensure health and safety is at the very heart of any visits.

As an industry, we are getting better but we can do much more - and if we work collectively, to make the connection from the forest to the factory and then the products which people want for their homes, that is a powerful and positive message.

David Lee



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Creating opportunities for a better environment

Hundreds attend EGGER open days

More than 500 people attended two open days at one of the largest manufacturing employers in East Ayrshire, EGGER's Barony site in Auchinleck. The leading wood based materials manufacturer opened its doors for the local community to find out more about its operations.

The free family-friendly open days were organised with health and safety as a top priority at the plant, which employs 130 people and where production lines run 24/7 every day of the year.

Visitors were able to enjoy a 'Dig-a-Day Experience' - voted Best Family Day Out at the 2017 Scottish Entertainment and Hospitality Awards - where they had the chance to learn about excavators and have a go in a digger. Alongside a wide range of children's activities, visitors were also able to try out a harvesting simulator to understand more about working life in a forest.

"At EGGER we feel it is vital to build strong relationships with the local communities. Our event provided

the opportunity for visitors to chat to those who work at EGGER Barony and also our colleagues from across EGGER (UK) Limited, which included our colleagues from our Hexham manufacturing site, forestry and wood recycling subsidiaries. With the day offering factory tours, people had the chance to go behind the scenes and find out how our chipboard is made."

said Heiko Lichtblau, EGGER production/technical director for the site.
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