



Timber in ground contact 'The Users View'

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Introduction to FRS & our timber usage



Providing the people you need when you need them... since 1980



fencing systems

Expert Contract & DIY Fencing Sales

- Agricultural & Equine
- Residential
- Industrial & Security
- Sport & Recreation
- Local Authorities & Public works



farm relief services

General & Specialised Farm Labour

- Milking
- Hoof care
- Scanning
- Freeze Branding
- General labour

herd*watch*

Mobile Herd Management App



QQI accredited Tailored Solutions

- Health & Safety
- Agricultural
- Construction
- Health Care
- Horticulture
- Practical/craft
- Soft/people skills



Matching client resourcing needs with best in the market

Permanent & Temporary recruitment



Providing care in the home

Home help & homecare services



FRS Timber Usage

- Contract and retail business

- Round material for Agriculture and Equine
- Sawn timber for Residential and Equine
- Usage approximately 15,000 cubic metres





Irish Timber - the traditional view & treated timber

Irish Timber in Agriculture

- The traditional view

- Traditional usage of Oak and Larch
- CCA treated timber in the 1970s
- Promise of 20 years

50+ year old
Oak Post



CCA (Copper Chrome Arsenic)

- No longer on the market

- Some material gave a long service life (in excess of 20 years)
- The majority of the material lasted approximately 7 to 20 years
- Unfortunately some of this product failed from 4- 5 years onwards
- Confidence Damaged

20 year old
CCA Fence



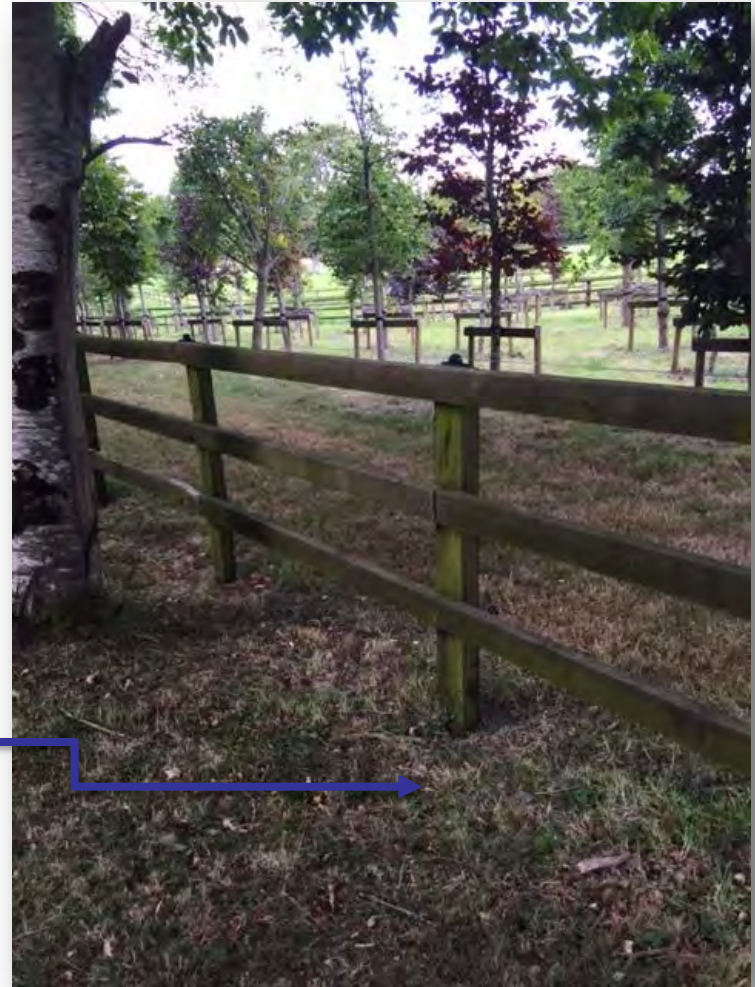


Creosote

- Limited to certain markets

- Agricultural Fencing
- Roadway Fencing
- Equine Fencing

30 year old
Creosote Post & Rail





New Generation Preservatives

- Farm Fence Posts
- Residential Fencing
- Perception of CCA & New Generation Treatments
- Treatment Process must be Correct



Treatment standards and specifications

- RC25
- I.S. 435
- I.S. 436
- I.S. 437





Conclusion

- From a users perspective

- Majority of Timber used is Irish
- Product Substitution
- Customer Expectation & Confidence





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