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PRESS RELEASE

New 'Legs 'o' Man' tables at The Sound Restaurant

Eight new wooden outdoor picnic tables have been installed at The Sound Restaurant ready for the busy summer season. Commissioned by Manx National Heritage, the tables are made from Manx-grown Sitka Spruce and were built by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry at the St John's Saw Mill Joinery Shop.

The new tables replace the metal ones that had been in place since Manx National Heritage opened the Sound Restaurant in 2002. The metal tables lasted well but deteriorated in recent years, however the new wooden ones will weather more attractively with age. The Manx wood complements the fantastic scenery of the surrounding area.

Peter Birch, St John's Sawmill Manager for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry said:

"The wood used to build the tables is very sustainable as Sitka Spruce trees are grown in the Forestry Division's forests on the Island, which are constantly replanted. It is very satisfying to be able to produce the furniture for a venue as popular as the facility run by Manx National Heritage at The Sound and the team producing the tables are rightly proud of their achievements. This is a shining example of utilising local products in the local environment."

As well as being local and sustainable, the tables are accessible with space for wheelchairs between the seating. Each table has chairs for six people and the space between can also be used for pushchairs or prams. As the tables have three legs the St John's Sawmill staff nick-named them the 'Legs 'o' Man' tables!

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Manx National Heritage is delighted with the result, and hope that visitors to The Sound Restaurant feel the same. The Sound Restaurant and Visitor Centre is open daily from 10am to 5pm until the end of October. For information on evening and winter hours please visit www.storyofmann.com.

The Sawmill at St. John's is open to the public every week day 8.00am to 4.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm. For information please telephone (01624) 695719.

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Image Captions:



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