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EDITORIAL NOTES

The First Duke of Cornwall's Award

On 27 November, 1985, in the Council Chamber of the Duchy of Cornwall, His Royal Highness, Prince Charles presented the first Duke of Cornwall's Award for Forestry and Conservation.

Before an assembly of owners, agents and foresters representing the estates in south east England who had competed for the trophy, the senior judge, Mr. R. C. Steele, Director-General of the Nature Conservancy Council, gave details of the judges verdict. Full details are given in the Judges Report which appears on page 47 of this issue.

Prince Charles referred to his recent presidency of the Society when he agreed to this Award being set up. He commented on the recent Society tour of China when the theme had been "forestry and conservation, and went on to applaud the proposal to set up an education centre in England.

He then presented the burr oak trophy, gold medal and cheque to Lady Colman for the winning estate, Malshanger, near Basingstoke. Silver medals and cheques were presented to Mrs. A. W. Penrose (Farley Farms, near Chiddingly), and Lord Nelson of Stafford (Tapnape Estate near Fareham).

Afterwards at a delightfully informal reception, Prince Charles met and chatted to many members of the Society. His obvious interest, knowledge and enthusiasm brought pleasure to all, and gave an excellent start to this new and important award.