

“Minimising the impact of new and future tree threats”

Date/time: 11th March 2016 1000-1530

Venue: Wisley Lecture Hall @ RHS Wisley Gardens,
Wisley Ln, Wisley, Woking GU23 6QB

This conference aims to provide some of the most up to date information on the recent and imminent tree health threats, and investigate what we – individually, as a sector and as a society – can do to help minimise their impact.

Conference objectives are to:

- build sector knowledge on the latest tree health threats in the area
- highlight ways that we can reduce the risk of introducing new threats, and deal with them if/when they first arrive
- pull together the rural & urban forestry sector with the landscaping / and horticulture sectors, to share understanding and work together

Programme (Draft – this is subject to change)

0930 Tea & Coffee on arrival

Session 1 1000-1130 (Chair Mary Barkham)

1000	Mary Barkham	Conference welcome and introduction
1010	Helen Carter	Sweet Chestnut Gall Wasp
1030	Jon Stokes	Key messages from the Chalara non-woodland management plan
1050	Andrew Hoppit Jake Morris	Oak Processionary Moth – current extent & control OPM Evaluation findings
1110	Keith Sacre	London iTREE Report: the ecosystem service and economic cost of pests & diseases
1120	Q&A from session 1	

1135 comfort break

Session 2 1145-1300 (chair Craig Harrison)

- 1145 James Roberts Biosecurity in the arboricultural sector
1200 Andrew Salisbury RHS work on tree pests
Rebekah Robinson RHS work on tree diseases
1225 Ana Perez-Sierra TreeAlert: a new way to report tree pests and diseases
1240 Q&A from Session 2

1300 Lunch

Session 3 1345-1500 (chair Alison Field)

- 1345 Joan Webber Other existing P&Ds in SE&L area; horizon scanning and analysis of potential pests of the future (20)
1405 Nick Hazlitt Tree health risks from wood packaging
1425 Q&A from Session 3
1435 Alison Field concluding Messages

Session 4 1440-1530 latest

Option for delegates to attend a:

- 1440 Workshop on developing Chalara local action plans (led by Jon Stokes) then opportunity to walk round the gardens, or
1440 Tour of Wisley Gardens by RHS staff

Gardens close at 1630

Places are limited – if you would like to attend please email Jeanette.hawkins@forestry.gsi.gov.uk