

FOREST HEALTH DAY

Date:

Thursday 20 September 2012

Time:

0930-1600 hrs

Location:

CatStrand
High Street
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There will be no charge for this event.

Tea, coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

Forest Research New tree Pests and Diseases

Current outbreaks July 2012

Phytophthora austrocedae
Acute Oak Decline
Chalara dieback of ash
Oak Processionary Moth
Asian longhorn beetle
Sweet chestnut blight
Phytophthora lateralis
Pine-tree Lappet Moth

Widespread throughout Britain

Daktortorn needle blight
Horse Chestnut bleeding canker and leaf miner
Great spruce bark beetle

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This seminar will provide the opportunity for you to hear the latest information on the new (and sometimes old) pests and diseases threatening our trees and forests. Speakers will explain the current situation in Scotland, ongoing monitoring work, biosecurity requirements, and there will be a site visit to view pest and disease issues in the field.

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0930 - Registration, tea/coffee

1000 - Welcome and introduction – Steve Penny, Forest Research

1010 - Overview and context – Hugh Clayden, Forestry Commission Scotland

1030 - Current pathology threats to tree species in Scotland – Dr Sarah Green, Forest Research

1100 - Tree health monitoring – The basics of what to look for as indicators of when things may be going wrong as a result of pests or disease; how to monitor these; how to report them and to whom - Dr Sarah Green, Forest Research

1130 - Comfort break (Tea/Coffee)

1145 - Insect pests of trees in Scotland: the auld and the new – Dr Roger Moore, Forest Research

1230 - National overview and biosecurity measures – what does it mean for you
- FC Plant Health staff (tbc)

1300 - Lunch and prepare for field visit

1345 - Site visit – (practical biosecurity measures and visit to local forest to view pest and disease issues in the field)

1600 - Finish

Clothing for site visit: Attendees should bring suitable outdoor clothing for the site visit in the afternoon. To assist with **biosecurity** measures, it would be helpful if attendees ensure that their footwear is clean before arrival (no attached mud etc). Wellington boots are most suitable. All footwear will be subject to appropriate cleaning/disinfection procedures prior to and after the site visit. Visits may be to operational work sites therefore delegates are asked to bring high viz waistcoat/jacket and hard hat. Thank you for your help.