



Tree Health Conference Where Do We Go From Here?

Wednesday 24th July 2013
West Dean, nr Chichester, West Sussex
09.45 - 15.45 to include free lunch

You will be aware that it seems likely that Ash dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*) will continue to spread and will impact on the South Downs and surrounding areas. In addition, Oak Processionary Moth, Acute Oak Decline and other pests, diseases and climate change have the potential to make a significant impact on the trees and woodlands of the South Downs and surrounding areas in terms of ecology, landscape and management.

Trees and woodlands are a vital part of our landscape, ecology and economy. We invite you to hear the latest information and work with us, the CLA, NFU, CONFOR, ICF, RFS, Arboricultural Association and others to identify how, together, we can increase resilience to maintain and enhance our trees and woodlands for the future.

Expert presenters include:

Tree Diseases: Dr Joan Webber, Forest Research, Principal Pathologist

Tree Pests: Nigel Straw, Forest Research, Senior Entomologist

Deer: Jamie Cordery, Deer Initiative

Silviculture: Dr Gary Kerr, Forest Research, Principal Silviculturist

Control measures: Andy Hall, Forestry Commission England, Plant Health Manager

Climate Change: Mark Broadmeadow, Forestry Commission Principal Advisor Climate Change

If you have any specific questions that you would like our speakers to cover, please include them when completing the attached booking form. The morning's presentations will also be followed by a question and answer session.

Places will be booked on a first come basis so early bookings are recommended to avoid disappointment. Bookings will be limited to two individuals per organisation. However, if you would like more than 2 we will place these 'additional' bookings on a reserve list to be offered places if there is late availability. Please use the attached booking form to reserve your place.