



Tree Health Conference – Where Do We Go From Here?

Friday 8th March 2013
Berkshire Agricultural College
09.45 - 15.45 to include free lunch

You will be aware that Ash dieback (*Chalara fraxinea*) has been confirmed in the wider environment within the Chilterns area. 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 Chilterns 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:

Pathology: Dr Joan Webber, Forest Research, Principal Pathologist

Ecology: Dr Keith Kirby, well known woodland ecologist

Silviculture: Dr Gary Kerr, Forest Research, Principal Silviculturist

Jonathan Spencer, Senior Ecologist, Forestry Commission England will also lead an open discussion about how increased the resilience of trees and woodlands can be achieved.

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. Please use the attached booking form to reserve your place.

A similar event may be planned for the South Downs area in the coming months. If you cannot attend the Maidenhead event but would like to register an interest for such an event, please complete the attached booking form.