

Enabling Tree & Woodland Resilience in the South East

Alice Holt Lodge, Farnham, GU10 4LH

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Programme

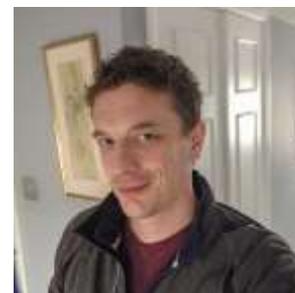
09.30 – 10.00	Registration with tea and coffee Park at Alice Holt Lodge visitor car park and make your way to reception.
10.00 – 10.05	<u>Introduction</u> Martin Gammie MICFor , Chairman ICF SEE Regional Group <u>Welcome to Alice Holt</u> Dr Ian Willoughby FICFor , Programme Manager and Silviculturist, Forest Research
10.05 – 10.35	<u>Contingency Planning</u> Rob Gazzard MICFor , Advisor Contingency Planning, Forestry Commission <i>Looking at the guidelines in UK Forestry Standard, Rob Gazzard will outline the contingency planning work undertaken by Forest Services and highlight the role woodland owners play in responding and recovering to catastrophic windblow, major wildfires and tree health incidents.</i>
10.35 – 11.05	<u>Pest & Disease Resilience</u> Dr Joan Webber OBE Principal Pathologist in the Centre for Ecosystems, Society and Biosecurity, Forest Research <i>In her presentation, Joan Webber defines what resilience can mean in a tree and forestry context, and how we can go about improving resilience against pest and pathogens attacks. There is no simple solution, but sourcing plants wisely, understanding how pests and pathogen can interact together, and making sure we have the right tree in the right place, all play their part in creating resilience in our tree stock.</i>
11.05 - 11.20	Comfort break
11.20 – 11.50	<u>Managing and Adapting to the Presence of OPM</u> Andrew Hoppit MICFor Oak Processionary Moth Manager, Forestry Commission <i>The FC work closely with other landowners and stakeholders to tackle the spread of oak processionary moth (OPM), which presents a risk to both the health of oak trees and humans. Millie Toft will share the FC's approach to managing and adapting to OPM.</i>
11.50 – 12.00	Morning Q+A
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 13.30	<u>A Toolkit for Ash Dieback</u> Jon Stokes The Tree Council <i>Ash trees are widespread across our landscape and a common feature of many of our highways. In light of ash dieback, which will lead to the decline and death of the majority of ash trees in Britain, a shift in priorities to their management is required. Jon</i>

	<i>Stokes will provide an overview of some of his latest work which aims to assist local authorities and other regional bodies as they work to proactively manage the impacts of the disease.</i>
13.30 – 14.00	<u>Biosecurity – Safeguarding your Trees</u> Becki Gawthorpe Biosecurity Officer, Forestry Commission <i>There are various measures land owners, managers and agents can take in order to protect the trees under their care from harmful pests and pathogens. Becki Gawthorpe will explore measures available to safeguard the investment of time and money, and to maintain healthy trees and woodlands.</i>
14.00 – 14.10	Afternoon Q&A and Summary
14.10 – 15.00	AGM (for ICF members)
15.00	Depart

Speaker Profiles

Dr Ian Willoughby FICFor **Programme Manager and Silviculturist, Forest Research**

Ian joined the Forestry Commission (FC) in 1991 and has worked for Forest Research (FR) since 1992, as well as spending time in management roles in various other parts of the FC. Ian leads the Delivering Resilient Forests Research Programme and has particular research expertise in integrated forest vegetation management and early silviculture. Ian's research on early silviculture focuses on adapting forest regeneration to increase resilience to climate change and biotic threats.



Rob Gazzard MICFor **Advisor Contingency Planning, Forestry Commission**

Rob Gazzard has 25 years' experience in forestry and is Forestry Commission England's advisor on contingency planning. His experience includes planning, exercising and responding to incidents such as Tree Health, Major Wildfires and Catastrophic Windblow in the United Kingdom and internationally.



Dr Joan Webber OBE **Principal Pathologist in the Centre for Ecosystems, Society and Biosecurity, Forest Research**

A senior research scientist employed by the Forestry Commission since 1989 and based at the Alice Holt research station of Forest Research (FR), Joan became Principal Pathologist for FR in 2000. She has a 30+ year international track record of research and collaboration on pathogens of forest and woodland trees, their population biology and epidemiology, and the use and deployment of biological control agents in the management of tree diseases. Over the past ten years her particular area of work has been on alien invasive pathogens including *Phytophthora* and most recently Chalara dieback of ash. Her research focuses on the threat they pose and their potential long-term impact on trees and forest ecosystems following introduction, including risk analysis of exotic tree pathogens and pests.



**Andrew Hoppit MICFor, Forestry Commission
Oak Processionary Moth Manager**

Andrew has over 34 years of forestry experience, 28 of which have been with the Forestry Commission. He has had a variety of roles from managing woodlands in the Chilterns, leading a team of surveyors covering Wales and West Midlands, Grant and Regulatory work in East England and for the last six years working on the Oak Processionary Moth project based in London. Andrew studied at the National school of Forestry, Newtown Rigg, Cumbria and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters



**Becki Gawthorpe
Biosecurity Outreach Officer, Forestry Commission (Tree Health)**

Becki joined the Forestry Commission's Tree Health Team in September 2017 as their Biosecurity Outreach Officer, having previously worked as an arboricultural consultant in the south east. Becki has a national role tasked with raising awareness of tree health and encouraging the uptake of biosecure behaviour amongst industry, land owners/managers and the engaged public. Becki is a member of the ICF south east England regional committee and secretary of the Arboricultural Association's south east branch.

