

## HTA Grower Technical Workshop Programme for 2024

### ***Vine weevil control strategies, including growing media considerations***

**Ranby Village Hall, Blyth Road, Ranby, Retford DN22 8HZ (a.m.)**

**Osberton Nurseries, Redfort Road, Worksop S81 0UF (p.m.)**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*Vine weevil is considered the number one pest of container-grown nursery stock crops, particularly on nurseries where long production cycles of highly susceptible crops occur. In January 2024, the Chemicals Regulation Division (CRD) announced the proposal to withdraw indoxacarb, a key active substance for the control of adult vine weevils.*

*This workshop reiterates the importance of vine weevil biology, as well as that of various other weevil species attacking nursery stock crops, examines the development of smart trapping technologies, the use of chemical lures, and entomopathogenic nematode performance in different growing media blends. Growers will hear from ICL on Lalgard M52 (*Metarhizium brunneum*) for the control of this pest.*



#### **Workshop agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>Ranby Village Hall</b>		
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Coffee, tea, and refreshments</i>	
<b>Presentations</b>		
09:30 – 10:10	<b>Plant protection product (PPP) update</b>	Selchuk Kurtev, <b>Zest Sustainable ICM</b>
10:10 – 10:50	<b>Lalgard M52 GR and ICL vine weevil control strategies</b>	Sam Rivers, <b>ICL</b>
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Coffee, tea, and refreshments</i>	
11:00 – 11:40	<b>Vine weevil biology, other weevil species in the UK attacking various crops, and geographical differences in their distribution</b>	Tom Pope, <b>Harper Adams University</b>
11:40 – 12:20	<b>Research and development work into smart trapping technologies and vine weevil lures, and entomopathogenic nematode performance in different growing media blends</b>	Eugenia Fezza and Joe Roberts, <b>Harper Adams University</b>
12:20 – 13:00	<b>Challenges with vine weevil control and how to improve control strategies on the nursery</b>	Selchuk Kurtev, <b>Zest Sustainable ICM</b>
13:00 – 13:45	<i>Lunch buffet</i>	

Nursery tour (Osberton Nurseries) and discussion		
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction to Osberton Nurseries	Graham Newbury and Will Murch, <b>Osberton Nurseries</b>
14:15 – 15:30	Nursery tour of Osberton Nurseries. Split into two groups	Graham Newbury / Selchuk Kurtev
15:30	<i>Wrap up and depart</i>	

The number of attendees per business will be limited to two.

BASIS and NRoSO continual professional development points will be available on the day of the workshop.

Addresses and directions:

<b>Ranby Village Hall, Blyth Road, Ranby, Retford DN22 8HZ (a.m.)</b> (highlighted in yellow on the map) <i>What3words: ///grad.push.librarian</i>	<b>Osberton Nurseries, Redfort Road, Worksop, S81 0UF (p.m.)</b> (highlighted in yellow on the map) <i>What3words: ///skate.crumples.narrating</i>
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