

HTA Nursery Network

The HTA Nursery Network is an opportunity for HTA grower members to come together and exchange ideas and views, within a commercial environment, to both progress and develop individual businesses and the ornamentals industry.

‘Building momentum towards peat-free production’

Melcourt Industries Ltd, Boldridge Brake, Long Newton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8RT

22 February 2024 - 10.00-15.00



UK businesses are at various stages in their transition towards peat-free plant production, so it's important that experiences and knowledge are shared to permit the entire ornamentals industry to develop and meet the challenge, alongside the various growing media manufacturers.

A large-scale programme of work, in the form of the five-year RHS peat-free fellowship, is also helping industry to overcome some of the technical and production barriers faced in the transition process.

This HTA event is an opportunity to network, to see how other businesses have addressed the transition requirements, to understand the issues faced by growing media manufacturers and to explore some of the technical assistance being put into place to support the journey.

Attendance will be limited to 30, a maximum of two places per business.

BASIS Professional Register continual development points will be applied for.

Stout footwear is recommended, and high viz vests will be made available for delegates who don't have their own.

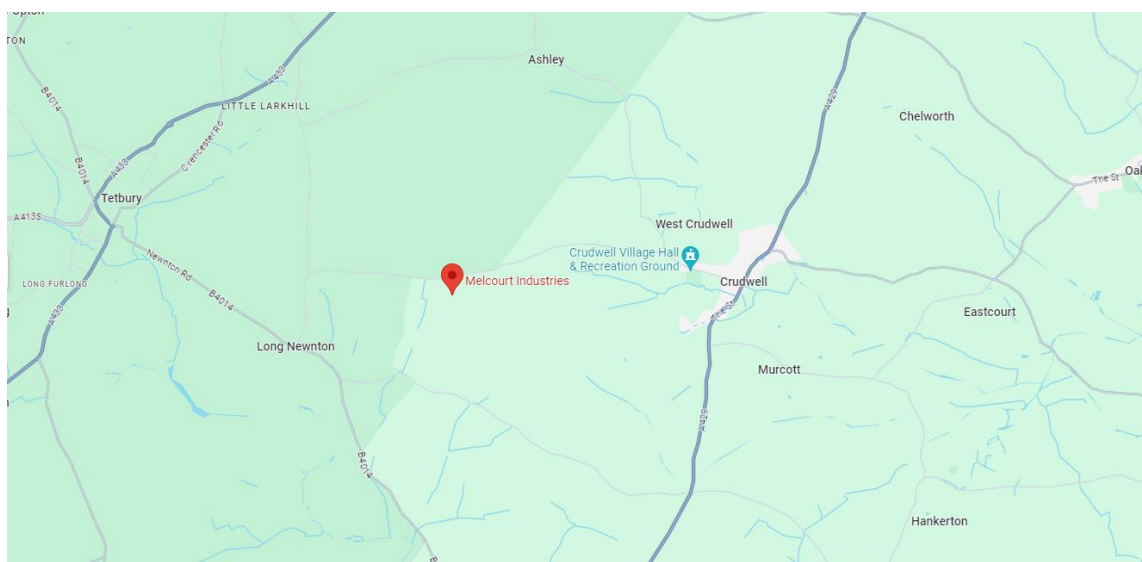
Meeting and tour agenda

Time	Subject	Speaker
10.00	Arrival and refreshments – Melcourt Industries Tetbury GL8 8RT	
10.15	<i>Welcome to the meeting and comments on growing media adoption at Fleurie Nursery</i>	David Hide, Nursery Network Chair
10.30	Presentations Industry experiences of peat-free media adoption	Wayne Brough, HTA
11.00	Addressing the needs of industry	Catherine Dawson, Melcourt
11.45	RHS Fellowship project update and initial trial findings from the nursery consortium	Raghavendra Prasad, RHS Fellow
12.30-13.00	Sandwich lunch and networking	
13.00	Production facilities tour A tour of the production facilities at Melcourt, with an opportunity for further discussion around blend development, storage, and quality control	Melcourt staff members leading various delegate groups around the site
15.00	Departure	

Melcourt Industries location

Melcourt Industries Ltd, Boldridge Brake, Long Newnton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8RT. Melcourt is on the lane between Long Newnton and Crudwell just to the east of Tetbury.

The postcode is GL8 8RT, but most sat navs direct to Boldridge Farm which is on the north side of the lane. Melcourt is on the south side with a wide, well-marked entrance. What3words are excellent.vivid.crows



The traffic lights on the drive are for lorries only and can be ignored. Parking space is limited, but double parking is allowed on the day.

To book a place as an HTA member go to:

<https://hta.org.uk/grower-support-campaign/nuturing-your-growing-needs/hta-nursery-network>