

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.

‘The next big challenge – calculating product environmental footprints ’

Barton Grange Garden Centre, Garstang Road, Brock, Preston PR3 0BT (a.m.)

Garden Centre Plants Barton Lane, Barton, Preston PR3 5AU (p.m.)

18 July 2024 - 09.30 -15.00



A product environmental footprint (also called a Life Cycle Assessment), like a carbon footprint, measures the impact on global warming of generating a product, but it goes beyond this to calculate all chemical emissions and resource depletion caused by the product.

The development and uptake of the concept will allow customers to judge which products have the least impact on the environment as part of their purchasing decision.

Due to a lack of specific data, the concept has not found huge traction in the ornamentals industry, but with the launch of [FloriPEFCR](#), a methodology has been created to enable the development of calculation tools specifically for protected ornamentals and cut flowers.

In this, the first joint production and retail Nursery Network event, we explore some of the key parameters that will need addressing to minimise product environmental footprints.

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

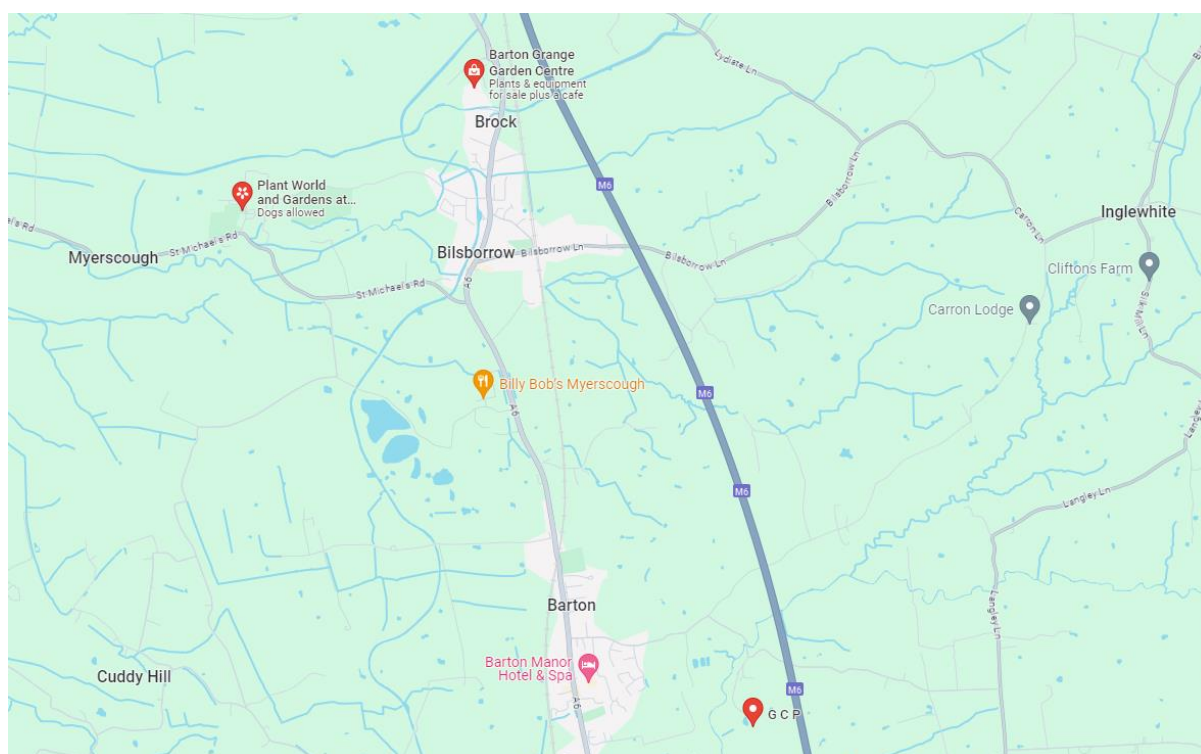
Meeting and tour agenda

Time	Subject	Speaker
09.30	Arrival and refreshments – Barton Grange, Preston PR3 0BT	
09.45	<i>Welcome to Barton Grange</i>	Guy Topping, Barton Grange Garden Centre
10.00	Presentations Product environmental footprints and the concept of net zero for ornamental businesses	Liz Williams, HTA
10.20	Industry experiences of peat-free growing media adoption	Wayne Brough, HTA
10.40	Small steps to sustainable energy generation and management	Mike Burks, The Gardens Group
11.00	Transition from mains water dependence	Robin Squance, Brookhouse Nurseries
11.20	Refreshment break	
11.30	Garden centre tour – courtesy of Guy Topping Split into two groups, Group one to cover garden centre environmental credentials, focusing on water efficiency and green energy (25 mins). Group two to cover recycling, retailing of plants in peat-free and peat free growing media sales. (25 mins). Groups then swap over.	Barton Grange staff members to lead discussions at key locations.
12.30-13.00	Sandwich lunch and networking opportunity Then travel to GCP, Barton PR3 5AU	
13.30	Production nursery tour – courtesy of Chris Connah A tour of the production facilities at GCP taking in peat-free crop production, non-chemical weed control and water capture measures used on the nursery.	GCP staff members to lead nursery tour.
15.00	Departure	

Barton Grange Garden Centre and Garden Centre Plants, postal addresses and relative locations.

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To book a place as an HTA member go to:

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