

## Tree Health & Resilient Woodlands South West England

Dates: 23 March 2016 9.30am – 3.30pm

Venue: Exeter Racecourse, Haldon Hill

9.30am	Registration & refreshments available	
10.00-10.10	Introduction and welcome	Chair: John Wilding, Forester for Clinton Devon Estates and member of the FC Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee
10.10-10.40	Tree Health in the South West Current state of tree health and pests and diseases in the region and a look at what's on the horizon.	Mick Biddle, Tree Health Officer, Forest Services
10.40-11.10	Ash research and trials	Matt Parratt, Research Scientist, Forest Research
11.10-11.30	Refreshment break	
11.30-11.55	<i>Dendroctonus micans</i> : The <i>Rhizophagus grandis</i> breeding programme	Nick Fielding Tree Health Field Support Officer, Forest Research
11.55-12.20	Acute Oak Decline	Sandra Denman Senior Research Scientist, Forest Research
12.20- 12.35	Biosecurity Measures for foresters	Katherine Deeks, Biosecurity Officer, Forest Services
12.35-12.45	Questions	Mark Prior, Area Director, South West Forest Services
12.45-1.30	Lunch	<i>There will be an opportunity to pose more questions for our experts via post-it notes.</i>
1.30-2.00	Review of lunchtime questions	Mark Prior
2.00-12.45	South West Squirrel Initiative A new partnership to tackle squirrel damage on a regional scale.	John Wilding
2.30-3.00	Impact on South West Timber Markets The impact of pests and diseases on the timber market and what woodland owners can do to improve returns.	Mark Williams Area Manager, Euroforest
3.00-3.20	Forestry Commission support How FC can help with grants and advice on tree health	Richard Paton, Field Manager, South West Forest Services
3.20-3.30	Closing Remarks & Finish	Chair