

# Trees and Vegetables Workshop

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## Programme:

**12.30:** Lunch

**13.15:** Introduction to workshop

**13.30:** Guided tour around the vegetable agroforestry system with Fred Bonestroo head grower (travel to Close Farm by car)

**15.00:** Workshop back at Broadfield Farm meeting room

- UK agroforestry innovation network, aims of group (Sally Westaway)
- Demonstration of new online agroforestry knowledge cloud (Jo Smith)
- Short presentations from growers with agroforestry systems (Iain Tolhurst and Martyn Bragg)

**15.45:** Tea, cake and a chance to have a play with the knowledge cloud

**16.00:** Group discussions focussing on:

- Sharing experiences and stages on the agroforestry journey
- What people would like to get from the trees and vegetables group
- Priorities for the future events
- Economic (gross margin) tool for agroforestry

**16.45:** Feedback from group discussions (Mick Marsden, Ben Raskin and Ed Sweetman) including vote on content of next event

**17.00:** Close



# AGROFORESTRY INNOVATION NETWORKS



Supporting innovation through enhancing knowledge transfer between farmers, foresters, researchers and advisers.

In the UK, the AFINET project is led by the Organic Research Centre and Abacus Agriculture



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# UK Agroforestry Network



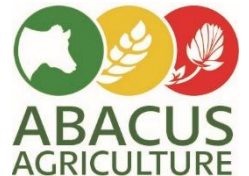
**Working with the Farm Woodland Forum**

**Bring together farmers, growers, researchers and innovators who share a common interest in agroforestry.**

**We will coordinate a web based knowledge hub and organise a series of practical on farm events tailored to the interests and needs of the network subgroups – this is the vegetable group!**

**Aims:**

- **identify and fill gaps in current knowledge**
- **share ideas that work well**
- **identify opportunities for innovation**





Tree Fodder workshop  
Elm Farm, Berkshire  
May 2017  
23 participants

## UK Initial Meetings



Agroforestry for Growers  
workshop, Pangbourne  
September 2017  
19 participants



Trees and Livestock  
workshop, Pitlochry,  
Scotland September 2017  
21 participants

## 3 workshops + on-line survey (132 responses)

**Biggest problems and barriers to setting up an agroforestry system**

Economics

Policy

Time and expertise

**What additional information on agroforestry would be useful?**

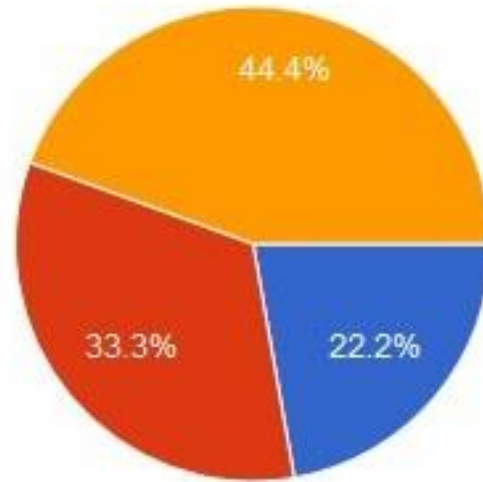
Working examples/ case studies,

Profitability, yield data. Costs/ benefits.

System design, species choice

## At what stage are you on your agroforestry journey?

18 responses



- I have planted an agroforestry system
- I am currently planning an agroforestry system
- I am interested in finding out more about agroforestry

<b>CHALLENGES – importance to address</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Improving policy support tools to promote agroforestry	0	0	16%	11%	42%	31%
Reducing legislative uncertainty with regard to tree planting on agricultural land	0	5%	10.5%	26%	21%	37%
Development of practical guidelines/best management practices for tree and tree understorey management	0	0	0	5%	16%	79%
More information on optimal tree/crop/livestock combinations, in order to maximize productivity, soil improvement etc.	0	0	0	5%	21%	74%
Informing consumers and society in general about agroforestry and its benefits (both environmental and economic)	0	5%	10%	37%	10%	37%
Access to case studies: showcasing farms which demonstrate good agroforestry practices	0	0	0	5%	37%	58%
More information on the costs and benefits of specific agroforestry systems	0	0	5%	5%	32%	58%
Better understanding of the value chain of agroforestry products	0	0	0	21%	32%	47%

# Trees and Vegetables Group

The group will help guide the content of the UK agroforestry network knowledge base.

Group members will:

- Have an opportunity to meet up a couple of times a year on different farms to look and learn from different people at different points on their agroforestry journey.
- Have access to an online forum to communicate between group members (also linked to relevant networks)
- Have access to relevant training and resources, via the Knowledge Cloud, website and events



# AFINET 'Knowledge Cloud'



- Online source of all kind of information about agroforestry.
- Ability for all to search and upload
- Currently functioning but under development – feedback welcome!
- Will be available on the EURAF website.....

<http://www.agroforestry.eu/afinet/knowledge-cloud/>

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## Tolly and Martyn Bragg



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# Discussion Workshop

In three groups (Mick, Ben and Ed facilitating) with one current practitioner (Fred, Tolly and Martyn).

The focus will be on:

- Sharing experiences and informal Q & A
- What you'd like from this group
- Priorities for future events (e.g. specific training, speakers, a farm/site to visit) – we will vote at the end
- What you would like out of economic (gross margin) tool for agroforestry

**c. 40 minutes**