

Assessing the health of your soil

GREATsoils Trial Demonstration

Friday 2nd December

at

Valefresco, Old Pastures Farm, Hampton Lucy, Stratford Upon Avon, CV35 8BQ

Programme for the day

- 13.45 *Arrival and Tea/Coffee*
- 14.00 **Welcome and introductions**
- 14.15 **Background of the GREATsoils project** presentation of the running field comparison trials of different soil assessment methods, which were set-up this year and will run until the end of 2017. Details and first results of the trial hosted by Valefresco.
(Anja Vieweger, Organic Research Centre)
- 15.00 **Field walk and soil assessment demonstration at trial site Valefresco**
Field trial comparing different soil assessment methods in protected and field cropping systems. Improving soil organic matter and soil biology: introducing green manures in protected cropping (spinach and rocket rotation) and field (lettuce rotation); compared methods are NRM soil health test, visual soil assessment and earthworm counts.
(Led by Steve Nickells, Valefresco)
- 16.30 *Feedback and end of event*

To book a place, please contact anja.v@organicresearchcentre.com