## Why specify Plant Healthy?

— prioritising biosecurity when purchasing plants and trees

4<sup>th</sup> Feb 11:00am

The Small Woods Association have joined forces with the Forestry Climate Change Working Group, Plant Health Alliance and Grown in Britain to bring you a plant health and biosecurity event.

A range of speakers will discuss the importance of purchasing plants and trees from nurseries that are 'Plant Healthy' certified. The event aims to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading plant pests and diseases into the environment by improving plant biosecurity practices throughout the supply chain.



## Speakers include Nicola Spence, Emily Fensom and Alistair Yeomans

## 4th February 2021

11am-1pm Online via Zoom - Chaired by Simon Lloyd, Chief Executive, Royal Forestry Society

## **Agenda**

11:00 Welcome and Introduction - Simon Lloyd, RFS

11:05 New and Emerging Threats to Plant Health - Professor Nicola Spence, Chief Plant Health Officer and Deputy Director Plant and Bee Health, Varieties and Seeds / Animal and Plant Health and Welfare Directorate / Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

11:35 An Overview of the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme - Alistair Yeomans, Plant Healthy Certification Scheme Manager

12:00 Plant Healthy and the need for Forest Resilience - Emily Fensom, Woodland Resilience Officer, Forestry Commission

12:30 Panel Discussion
Nicola Spence, DEFRA
Tim Liddon, Tillhill
John Weir, Forestry Commission
Alistair Yeomans, Plant Healthy
Jeremy Clarke, Hertfordshire County Council

13:00 Close

To book a place please email Sonia at soniaroberts@smallwoods.org.uk or book at Event Calendar (smallwoods.org.uk).









