Celebrating two decades of farmland research and innovation

on Tuesday 26 June

at the GWCT’s Allerton Project, Loddington, Leicestershire LE7 9XE

This FREE event is showcasing the most innovative ideas currently emerging from farmland research. Join the Allerton Project and LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) for a day of lively debate, demonstrations and lots of practical ideas.

Guided tours will take place throughout the day, lasting about 2½ hours each. Tours will leave between 11.00am and 1.00pm and will focus on water, energy, waste, soil, wildlife and the community. Tea, coffee and a hog roast will be available.

Don’t miss out. Book your place with Emma Pritchard, indicating preferred time. T: 02476 413911 or email: emma.pritchard@leafuk.org

Talks and demonstrations will feature:

- A load of rubbish? The Allerton Recycling Centre – making use and money from farm plastic waste.
- Field margin settlement ponds – Easy to construct and a win-win for water, soil and wildlife.
- Resilient soils – Make soil work for your business reducing inputs while increasing yields.
- Filling the ‘hungry gap’ – Over-winter feeding for game and declining farmland birds.
- Zero-till – what’s in it for your business? Sound, practical advice on reduced cost crop establishment.
- Engaging the local community. How permissive access and community projects can improve attitudes and understanding of farming and the countryside.
- The Allerton eco-friendly, training and community centre. With rain water harvesting, straw bale insulation, biomass heating and solar panels, this refurbishment was once a cattle shed.
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT)

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust is an independent wildlife conservation charity which carries out scientific research into Britain’s game and wildlife. We advise farmers and landowners on improving wildlife habitats and we lobby for agricultural and conservation policies based on science. We employ 14 post-doctoral scientists and 50 other research staff with expertise in areas such as birds, insects, mammals, farming, fish and statistics. We undertake our own research as well as projects funded by contract and grant-aid from Government and private bodies. The Trust is also responsible for a number of Government Biodiversity Action Plan species. [www.gwct.org.uk](http://www.gwct.org.uk)

The Allerton Project

The Allerton Project was set up in 1992 at the bequest of the previous owners of the farm at Loddington, Lord and Lady Allerton. The Project aims are to research the effects of farming on wildlife and the environment, and to disseminate the results of this research through educational activities. Wheat and oat crops are grown to an environmental standard and sold at a premium as Conservation Grade. Farm staff are also involved in conservation work through management of habitats, both in the farmed area, in woodland and other non-cropped habitats. We have a wide-ranging research programme in collaboration with universities and other research organisations from across the country, and with financial support from the Government and industrial sponsors. We also offer a comprehensive training and demonstration programme.

LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming)

LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming) promotes environmentally responsible farming. We help farmers produce good food, with care and to high environmental standards, identified in-store by the LEAF Marque logo. We build public understanding and trust of food and farming in a number of ways, including Open Farm Sunday and visits to our national network of Demonstration Farms.

Integrated Farm Management

LEAF’s Integrated Farm Management (IFM) is a farming system which is environmentally and socially responsible and ensures the continuity of supply of safe, affordable food, while conserving and enhancing the wildlife of the countryside for future generations.

LEAF’s Demonstration Farms and Innovation Centres

Our Demonstration Farms are working farms committed to sustainable farming practices and our LEAF Innovation Centres pioneer new approaches to push forward the boundaries of IFM through research and development. All these sites proudly demonstrate best practice Integrated Farm Management to a variety of different groups.

Join LEAF

Join LEAF and be part of a common sense future for agriculture. Membership to LEAF helps you improve your environmental and business performance and take pride and profit from producing food while caring for the countryside. Membership starts from just £70, join online at [www.leafuk.org](http://www.leafuk.org).

The event will showcase the work of the two organisations achieved through 20 years of partnership, and to look at the opportunities for the future.