

Intercropping Workshop at Overbury Village Hall

Date: Thursday 5th October 2017

Time: Workshop 9.45 – 13.00 followed by lunch and farm tour of Overbury Enterprises 13.30 to 15.00

Location: Overbury Village Hall, School Lane, Tewkesbury GL20 7NY.

Intercropping has a wealth of potential benefits to crops and soil health ranging from suppressing pests and diseases to increasing soil fertility. On the 5th of October LEAF will be holding an intercropping workshop to gather farmer feedback on their intercropping experiences as well introducing a new European funded project, DIVERSify and the funded opportunities for farmers to get involved.

This DIVERSify project is aims to help optimise the performance of intercropping across Europe. The project will look to identify the best crop traits and approaches for intercropping through workshops and by teaming up with farmers to test novel approaches on-farm.

This workshop looks to focus on the intercropping experiences from farmers and others in the industry to identify the successes, failures and barriers that were/ are faced and understand the reasoning for why farmers intercrop or are interested in intercropping. Jake Freestone, farm manager of the Overbury Estates will then lead a farm tour around the estate and highlight the intercropping practises at Overbury.

Schedule for the day

9.45	Arrival and tea/coffee	
10.00	Introduction to the DIVERSify Project and funding opportunities	Alice Midmer
	Intercropping at Overbury Enterprises	Jake Freestone
	Motivations and successes, of intercropping on farm	
	Failures and barriers of intercropping on farm	
13.00	Lunch	
13.30	Farm Tour and Intercropping at Overbury Enterprises	Jake Freestone

To book, please email laura.tippin@leafuk.org (places will be given on a first come first served basis).

Alternative Intercropping Workshop Dates:

11/10/2017 STC Intercropping Workshop at Stockbridge Technology Centre (nr Selby, Yorkshire).

Contact: David.george@stc-nyorks.co.uk

23/11/2017 ORC Intercropping Workshop at Rushall Organics (nr Pewsey, Wiltshire) Contact:

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