

Intercropping Field Day

Shimpling Park Farm, Suffolk, 7th June



Does intercropping provide an untapped opportunity for enhancing arable farming systems?

Growing crops together offers the potential for more efficient resource utilisation, reducing pest and disease pressure and better competition with weeds. This workshop aims to bring together researchers and farmers who are innovating with intercropping in its different forms, and those who are interested to learn more. Providing an opportunity to share experiences, challenges of growing crops together in an arable system, including companion cropping, bi-cropping and undersowing.



As much of the innovation around intercropping is happening in farmers fields, we are keen to make this a farmer led event. Farmers are invited to share photos and learnings from their own experiments on farm.

- Farm tour with John Pawsey (Shimpling Park Farm): *Using System Cameleon combi drill and hoe for establishing and managing intercrops. Peas and barley, buckwheat in spring oat, wheat and beans.*
- Researchers and farmers sharing learning's from the field, including Andy Howard, Nuffield Scholar on Intercropping, Dominic Amos, ORC.
- 5 Minute slots for farmers to share photos and learnings, Q&A



Topics will include; Crop planning, species selection and combinations; Establishment and management; Harvest, separation and markets.

Book your place at www.organicresearchcentre.com/events and email katie.b@organicresearchcentre.com to share your experiences with the group.

£15 (Including VAT) to cover the costs of lunch, tea and coffee.

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Intercropping is “the growing of two or more crop species where part or all of their crop cycle overlaps temporally or and/or spatially, where one or more of the component species is taken to harvest”
Andy Howard, Farmer and Nuffield Scholar

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- Establishment and management
- Harvest, separation and markets
- Benefits, challenges and trade-offs

