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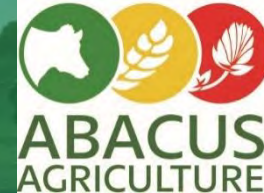**10.30**   Aims of the day and welcome to the farm

10.45   Farm tour with stops:

- Why agroforestry, the system and lessons learned (Iain Tolhurst)
- Tree planting and support available (Luke Everitt, WT)
- Summary of agroforestry research findings (Jo Smith)
- Estimating establishment and ongoing costs (Sally Westaway)
- Woodchip compost (Iain Tolhurst)

13.00   Home made organic lunch

13.45   Agroforestry design (Niels Corfield)

14.30   The new UK agroforestry network (Sally Westaway)

15.15   Q&A and close

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AGFORWARD — Agroforestry for Europe

Tolhurst Organic

Farm Woodland Forum — Farming with Trees

AFINET — AGROFORESTRY INNOVATION NETWORKS

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Supporting innovation through enhancing knowledge transfer between farmers, foresters, researchers and advisers.

In the UK, the AFINET project is led by the Organic Research Centre and Abacus Agriculture.

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UK Agroforestry Network

Working with the Farm Woodland Forum

Bring together practitioners, researchers and innovators who share a common interest in agroforestry.

We will coordinate a web based knowledge hub and organise a series of practical on farm events tailored to the interests and needs of the network. Through these activities the project aims:

- **to identify and fill some of the gaps in current knowledge**

- **to share ideas that work well**

- **to identify opportunities for innovation**
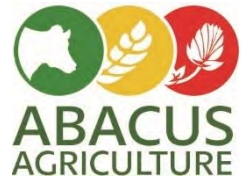
UK agroforestry innovations survey

Farmer/ land manager	46 %
Researcher	22 %
Conservation organisation/ charity	10 %
Advisor	9 %
Forester	7 %
Government organisation	6 %
Contractor	1 %

Silvohorticultural systems

- **77 people interested**

- **22 people have experience**

- **20 are currently practicing**
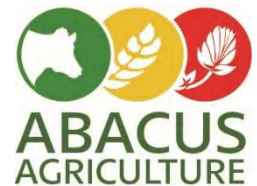
Biggest problems and barriers to setting up an agroforestry system

1.	Economics	31 %
2.	Policy	22 %
3.	Time and expertise	19 %
4.	Advice/ best practice examples	19 %
5.	Access to land/ tenure	17 %

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Problems/ barriers

'Lack of relevant advice/toolkits to suit our farm and land. '

'As an employee it will be up to me to persuade the owner that agroforestry is worth investing in, which could be tricky...'

'Cost of trees, security of tenancy/longevity'

'Finding land to rent for long term tree-based systems'

Innovations/ solutions

'Finding partners who will pay for the trees and have tree growing experience, access to markets and the harvesting/ processing set up.'

'Intercropping of apples with soft fruit'

'Planning to plant into existing beetle banks'

'Experiment on a small scale - learn from mistakes'

What additional information on agroforestry would be useful for you?

1.	Working examples/ case studies, knowledge exchange/ training	34 %
2.	Profitability, yield data. Costs/ benefits.	25 %
3.	System design, species choice	22 %

Useful information

'One site where you could see lots of different agroforestry systems'

'Variety recommendations and a beginner's guide to starting agroforestry.'

'More detailed and costed examples and case studies of systems that work'

'Exact clear guidance on what is/isn't allowed in regard to BFP/Higher/mid tier schemes, CS capital grants Greening etc.'

Next steps…..

- **Survey responses will guide the website content and workshop programme.**

- **Workshops will provide networking and knowledge sharing opportunities and offer support and training for specific subject areas.**

- **Partnerships within the groups (e.g. with Innovative Farmers) will allow further research/ trials/ knowledge gathering**

We would like to invite you to be part of this UK agroforestry network

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please pick up a leaflet, add your email address to the list at the back or visit:
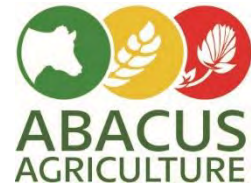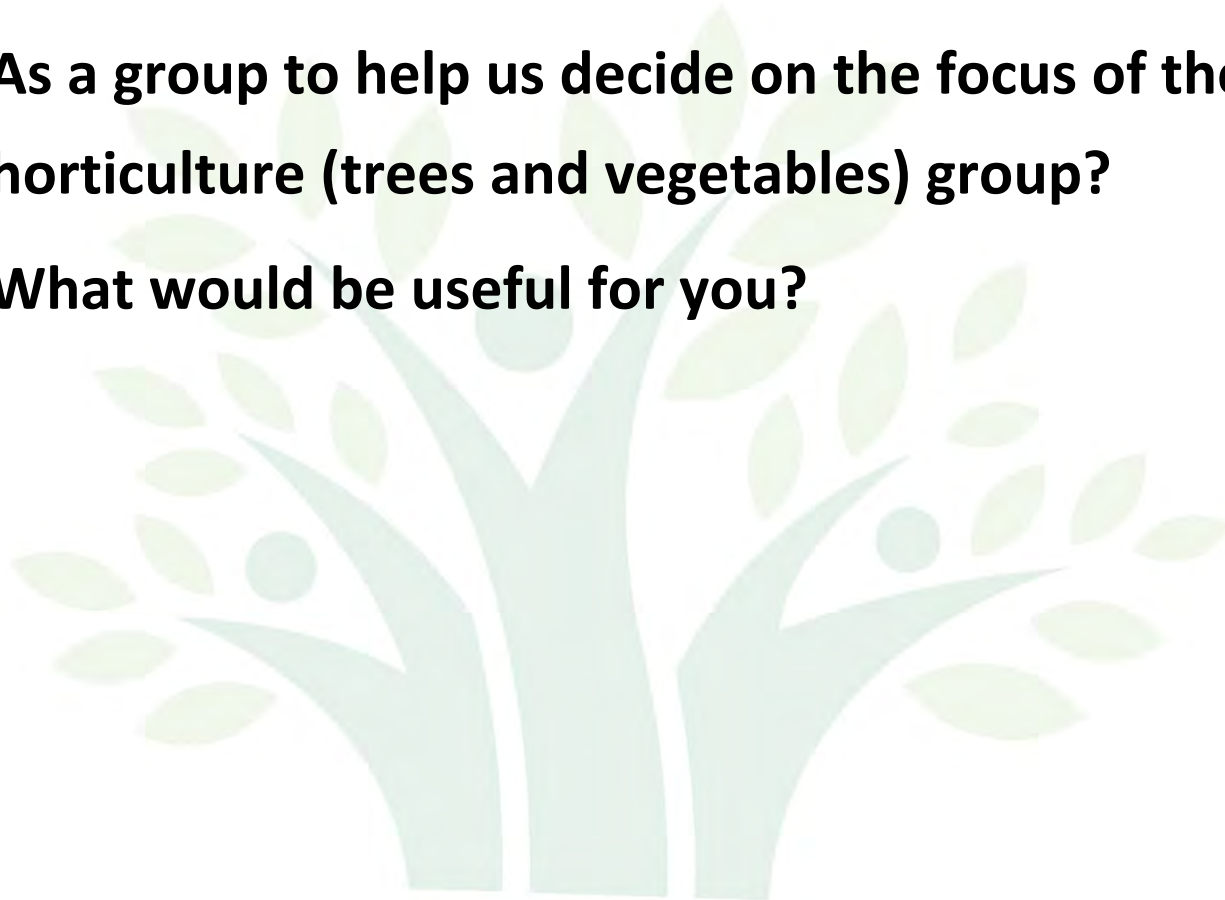http://eepurl.com/cYnhN1

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What we are asking you today

- **As a group to help us decide on the focus of the silvo-horticulture (trees and vegetables) group?**

- **What would be useful for you?**

Focus areas for group

1. **Economics**

2. **System design**

3. **Policy**

4. **Ecosystem services**

5. **Tree management**

6. **Social factors**

7. **Other**

Trees and horticulture: things/places/people that have been inspirational/interesting

This is why you need trees on farms......