

Intercropping in Research and Practice: Suffolk, UK, 6th – 8th 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 event 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 and identify research needs.

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.



6th June: Arrivals and Dinner, Bury St Edmunds

7th June: Intercropping Field Day

To include:

- 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.*
- Martin Wolfe, (Wakelyns Agroforestry): *Silvoarable alley cropping, Composite Cross Wheat Populations and intercropping camelina with lentils*
- 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

8th June:

- David Walston (Thriplow Farms): *Peas and oats mixed in row, companion cropping OSR with buckwheat, vetch and lentils and trials observing impact on weed pressure*
- Discussions, actions and departures



Please email katie.b@organicresearchcentre.com for further information and book your place.

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

- Crop planning, species selection and combinations
- Establishment and management
- Harvest, separation and markets
- Benefits, challenges and trade-offs

