

## BPOA/Bedding and Pot Plant Centre Technical Workshops

# Managing peat alternative products in protected ornamental crops - propagation

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*Based on various materials or blends of materials including coir, wood fibre and bark, peat-reduced and peat-free products are now available from all the major growing media manufacturers. Trials have shown most of these products can perform as well as peat-based media if they are managed appropriately.*

*Understanding the cultural management requirements of these products is therefore key to getting the most from them.*

*This workshop builds on the Defra/AHDB/industry-funded five year project [CP138 'Transition to responsibly sourced growing media use within UK horticulture'](#) and forms part of the AHDB-funded Bedding and Pot Plant Centre project output. Delivered by ADAS Horticulture and facilitated by the BPOA, they offer practical advice on managing peat alternative products in ornamental crops, in this workshop propagation is the focus.*

### Event agenda

<b>09.30</b>	<i>Registration tea, coffee and biscuits</i>
<b>10.00</b>	Introduction and overview. <i>Chris Need (Need Consulting Ltd)</i>
<b>10.15</b>	Adopting responsibly sourced growing media blends. <i>Jill England/Andrew Watson (ADAS Horticulture)</i>
<b>11.00</b>	Reduced-peat and peat-free media: a supplier's perspective. <i>Andrew Wilson (ICL)</i>
<b>11.30</b>	Alternative growing media use in propagation <i>Jill England/Tom James (ADAS Horticulture)</i>

<b>12.00</b>	Using reduced-peat and peat-free growing media: a grower's perspective. Tour of trial. <i>Mike Martin (Earley Ornamentals)</i>
<b>12.30</b>	Q & A session
<b>13.00</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14.00</b>	Tour of the nursery
<b>15.00</b>	<i>Refreshments and depart</i>

## To book a place

To book a place on the workshop please, register [here](#). Confirmation of your booking will be by email.  
**BASIS points will be sought for this workshop.**

*Please note some Covid restrictions may still apply at the time of the events.*

## Location

### Earley Ornamentals

