

Why not have a go at our quiz to find out more about the importance of plant health and the work that Bedgebury does to protect it?

You can find all of the answers on the information boards along the 'Defending Plant Health' trail.

Defending Plant Health

• Our lives depend on plants, so it's important that they stay healthy. What international event is happening in 2020 to raise awareness of plant health?

Maintaining defences

• Our tree team carry out regular health checks on our trees. What pest / disease are they concerned about here?

Surveillance & sharing intelligence

• Here at Bedgebury, we are in a good position to keep an eye out for new pests and diseases. Why is this?

Unplanned incursion

• Longhorn beetle larvae were accidently brought into the UK in shipping pallets. Which animal helped our tree team to discover which trees had been infected with the beetles?

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Strength in diversity

• At Bedgebury we have a diverse collection of fir trees. Which fungal disease is Forest Research using these trees to study?

Border controls

• Sometimes, we add to our collection by bringing plants back from overseas. What do plants need in order to be allowed into the UK?

Spruce wars

• The predator beetle Rhizophagus grandis is used to control outbreaks of spruce bark beetles, but how does it find its prey?

Growing resistance

• Ash dieback is a major threat to ash trees in the UK. How does the variety of species of ash at Bedgebury help us to protect the future of the ash tree?

A strong future defence

• We are constantly growing the collection at Bedgebury, but where does the seed to grow our new trees come from?

Join the resistance

• Now that you've discovered more about plant health, what can you do to help trees and plants to stay healthy?

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