

Join the conversation **#PlantHealthWeek**

#NPHW2021

The British Association of Landscape Industries is proud to support this year's #PlantHealthWeek which runs between Monday 10th to Sunday 16th May.

Industry Workers

Around **568,700** jobs in our industry rely on maintaining good plant health in the UK.

There are

127 plant pests and diseases that are considered high risk to the UK.

Xylella fastidiosa

is a disease-causing bacterium that can affect many woody plants including broadleaved trees. An outbreak in the UK is likely to result in the destruction of host plants within 100m and a 5km movement ban for 'specified' plants for five years.

Between 1970 and 2013, around

non-native plant pests were believed to have established in Great Britain.

Plants, pests and diseases

Phytophthora ramorum

was first discovered in the UK in 2002. Before its discovery there were approximately 154,000 hectares of larch planted in Great Britain, 5% of the total area. Most of this has now been lost because of Phytophthora and larch can no longer be used as a timber species.

Plant Passport

New plant passporting rules have been enforced since December 2019 and place responsibilities on all landscape professionals.

Visit **bali.org.uk/help-and-advice** for updated guidance on correctly following regulations on plant movement.

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Tree health

The main threat to tree species native to the European region has been identified as invasive or problematic species. This threat is higher than from deforestation, wood harvesting and urban development. In the UK, the value that our plants and trees provide to society each year is estimated at

168 of 454

tree species native to the European region are considered threatened; 34 of these species are native to the UK

Ash dieback disease

is a fungal disease, originally from Asia, thought to have been brought to the UK on infected, imported Ash trees. It is expected to kill 95% -99% of ash trees in Britain. The total cost of the Ash dieback disease to the UK is estimated to be £15 billion a third more than the reported cost of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in 2001. The UK eradication programme for Asian Longhorn Beetle involved 7 years of intensive surveying and monitoring; over 2,000 trees were felled and total costs for official organisations were around

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