

Diverse Herbal Leys at Oxford Real Farming Conference 2022



Join us online at the Oxford Real Farming Conference where Paul and Ian will be joined by Jonty and Edd from FarmED and Dr Lydia Smith from NIAB in a session focussing on establishing and managing diverse herbal leys.

Thursday, January 6th
Establishing And Managing Diverse Herbal Leys
9:00 AM-10:30 AM

There is a real buzz in the air as the sector seeks longer and more diverse rotations, and low input solutions to growing great food in a regenerative and agroecological way. Herbal leys are an increasingly popular part of the solution, offering arable, mixed, dairy and pastoral farmers forage, soil, wildlife and animal welfare benefits. Growing and utilising

them can be a challenge. In this session we will explore the benefits of herbal leys, species selection and ID, and how to establish, manage and grow them on your farm. Engage with industry experts from FarmED, NIAB and Cotswold Seeds to hear the latest research and interesting case studies. Discuss the use of herbal leys in current and future agri-environment schemes. Share your own practical experiences in a facilitated peer-to-peer workshop and Q&A session.

Speakers:

- Jonty Brunyee, FarmED, The Centre for Farm and Food Education, Head of Sustainable Farming and Food Systems
- Lydia Smith, NIAB Innovation Farm & Eastern Agritech Innovation Hub, Director
- Ian Wilkinson, Cotswold Seeds Ltd, FarmED Director
- Paul Totterdell, Cotswold Seeds General Manager
- Edd Colbert, FarmED Program Coordinator

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