

Bridgnorth Monitor Farm Launch Meeting

Astol Farm, Norton, Shropshire, TF11 9EW

7 June 2016

LAUNCH MEETING

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This launch event provided an introduction to both the **Monitor Farm programme** and the farm itself. Hosted by farm manager, Adrian Joynt, it gave those who attend the opportunity to analyse his business and discuss the key issues that will be addressed during the three-year programme. The principle being that these topics will also be relevant to most arable businesses in the area, so that the meetings provided will be of value to all those who participate.

Goulburn Farms – An outline

- 1000ha estate comprising of four main farm units
- 130ha parkland
- 4 full-time staff
- Farming enterprises include arable crops and suckler cows
- 4000 tonnes of grain storage
- Environmental Stewardship
- Mainly medium soil types
- Arable rotation; winter wheat, OSR, Potatoes (rented out), winter barley, naked oats, fodder beet, spring barley, stubble turnips
- 220 suckler cows – mixed breeds. Spring calving
- Approximately 2000 tack sheep

Bridgnorth Monitor Farm Steering Group

Andrew Williamson
David Lines
Mark Blakeway
Adrian Joynt



Watch the Bridgnorth Monitor Farm introduction video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3eooNwi1CU>

Weed management trials at Goulburn Farms

Over the coming year a weed management trial will be undertaken at Goulburn Farms with the aim to combat brome, rye grass and black-grass on the farm.

At the launch meeting we asked the group to identify different options to explore for the trial.



The groups identified that the following factors should be considered;

- **Later drilling where possible**
- **Cultural controls**
- **Sterile strips**
- **Broadway star in the autumn**
- **Experiment with higher seed rates on headlands**
- **Chit on stubbles**

Next meeting

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16 November 2016 10:00am

**Apley Farm Shop Meeting Room, Norton, Shropshire,
TF11 9EF**

Weed management strategies

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