

## Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) Awareness

OPM is becoming increasingly widespread in the UK and there is potential for people working in, or responsible for others in the outdoor environment to come into contact with OPM. This one-day course has been designed to build OPM awareness and what to do in the event of it being discovered or reported.

### Who should attend?

This course is aimed at people who work and/or responsible for others or the public in the outdoor environment.

### Aims of the course

- Delegates will learn how to identify OPM;
- What the health and ecological implications are;
- Understand different methods of how to manage it in order to keep themselves and others free from harm.

### What will you learn?

By the end of the course delegates will:

- Be familiar with what OPM is and the associated risks;
- Understand the history and biology of OPM;
- Be able to identify the caterpillars, nests and adult moths in the field;
- Know what to do if OPM is reported or discovered;
- Learn health and safety precautions related to OPM;
- Understand the importance of biosecurity measures and how to implement them;
- Understand the different control measures and their impact on the wider environment;
- Be able to implement a risk-based approach;
- Know how to manage OPM in the long term

### How will you benefit?

- Potential cost saving opportunities by being able to identify nests early;
- Reduce risk and improve health and environmental performance within your organisation;
- Engage and motivate your team by enhancing their environmental knowledge.

### What will you receive?

All delegates will be issued with a workbook, and certificate of attendance upon completion of this Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) Awareness Course.

### The instructor

The course is run by Patrick Venables, a qualified instructor who has been controlling OPM and has written and been delivering OPM training to industry specialists since 2011.

## The facilities

Courses are held at our offices outside Windsor and Hitchin. Both locations are in rural locations but within 5 miles of train stations and have plenty of parking.

Tea and coffee will be available during the day. There will be a break for you to eat your own lunch.

If you have more than 6 people to train, we can come to your own venue.

## Other similar courses

- Invasive Species Control (one day)
- Ecology Awareness Level 1 (one day)
- Tree Awareness (one day)

## Cost

£120 + VAT per person

## Contact and booking details

To book the Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) Awareness Course, please contact:

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