Mires Beck Nursery

Social Farms & Gardens Green Care Quality Mark

Plant Health and Biosecurity Policy

1. Introduction

Mires Beck Nursery operates as a grower and supplier of herbaceous perennials, wildflowers, herbs, trees, and shrubs for both wholesale and retail sectors. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of plant health and biosecurity across all areas of our operations. Our goal is to protect our nursery, our customers, and the wider natural environment from the introduction and spread of plant pests and diseases.

2. Policy Statement

We are committed to:

- Operating in a manner that promotes biosecurity and good plant health as far as is reasonably practical.
- Ensuring that all relevant plant health regulations are known, understood, and complied with.
- Maintaining a clean, disease-free nursery through the application of biosecurity measures.
- Striving for continual improvement of our Plant Health Management System, in line with the Plant Healthy – Plant Health Management Standard.

3. Legal Compliance and Registration

- We are registered with the UK Plant Health Service and hold valid UK Plant Passport registration numbers for our sites: 33748 and 142102.
- We follow all relevant national and international legislation, guidance, and movement notification rules relating to plant health and biosecurity.

4. Responsibilities

- The Operations Manager is responsible for implementing this policy and liaising with team supervisors.
- Supervisors and team leaders are responsible for ensuring compliance within their areas and supporting the policy through their daily activities.
- All staff are expected to cooperate fully, support good biosecurity practices, and take part in relevant training.
- The Trustees and Managers will ensure that all staff are made aware of biosecurity issues relevant to their roles.

5. Staff Competence and Training

All staff involved in the production, handling, and movement of plants receive appropriate training in plant health and biosecurity matters. We actively promote plant health awareness across the organisation and ensure our workforce is competent to identify and report any suspected pest or disease occurrence.

6. Procurement and Supplier Management

When buying plants from external suppliers we:

- Conduct a risk assessment of both the supplier and the plant species before purchase.
- Ensure all suppliers meet current biosecurity, movement, and notification regulations.

7. Plant Health Management System
To support effective implementation of this policy, we have a Plant Health Management System that includes:

- A site and operations pest risk analysis.
- Regular review of relevant regulations and plant health bulletins.
- Recording and monitoring plant health actions and issues.
- Periodic performance reviews against the Plant Healthy standard.
- A proactive approach to continuous improvement in plant health management.

8. Biosecurity in Production and Planting
We follow all current codes of practice and regulations to produce plants responsibly.
We assess risks to plant health throughout our production cycle and promote good planting schemes that encourage biodiversity and resilience.

10. Communication and Review

- This policy is reviewed annually or sooner if legislation or guidance changes.
- It is made available to all staff, customers, suppliers, and members of the public.

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The Trustees of Mires Beck
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