

# Dublin Chapter Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

- Next DWT Meeting - January 5th.
- Dec Sat. - Demonstrator - Joe O'Neill.
- Dec Wed. Demonstrator - Joe O'Neill

## Annual Trophy Awards

The November meeting saw the awarding of trophies for the turners that achieved the most points in the monthly competitions over the past year. Trophies were awarded to:

Beginners - Tommy Hartnett

Experienced - Colum Murphy

Advanced - Tony Hartney

Artistic - Colum Murphy

Below are the pictures of the award ceremony.



Tommy Hartnett



Colum Murphy x 2



Tony Hartney



***Congratulations  
to all recipients.***

***Living with Ash Dieback: Scientists concede eradication of disease wreaking havoc on our ash trees no longer feasible.***

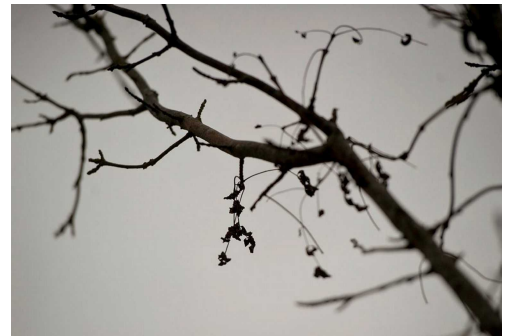
*This article appeared in the Independent newspaper on Sunday 18 November 2018 by Ciaran Moran.*

*Thanks to Mark Daly for making us aware of it.*

Ireland must learn to live with the fungal disease which has wreaked havoc on ash plantations across the country as the latest scientific evidence suggesting that eradication of the disease is no longer possible. Chalara or Ash Dieback disease is a disease of ash trees caused by the fungus *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*.

Dieback symptoms in ash had been first noted in Poland in the early 1990s without any identifiable cause.

The origins of the disease are not certain, but scientists have suggested the disease may have been introduced to Europe from eastern Asia.



The fungus which causes the disease has a complex life cycle.

Infection first makes its way into a tree when the spores of the fungus are carried in the air and land on healthy leaves over the summer months. The fungus then grows into the leaves and down into the leaf petiole or rachis, and progressively into twigs, branches, and the stem.



Right: Philip Doyle, hurley maker, in his workshop. At the left of the picture: A Teagasc poster warning of the threat of Ash Dieback disease.

The first confirmed finding of ash dieback disease in Ireland was made in October 2012 in a forestry plantation in County Leitrim which had been planted in 2009 with trees imported from continental Europe.

Shortly thereafter all the recently planted ash trees on that site were destroyed under Departmental supervision. The ash trees on another 10 sites where trees from the same batch of imported plants were planted out (approximately 33,000 plants in total) were also destroyed.

In the Department of Agriculture's latest survey on the disease have been confirmed in a further 62 forestry plantations. These results bring the current total of findings in forestry plantations to 384.

All the new forestry plantation findings to date in 2017 are in counties where there have previously been confirmed findings in forestry plantations and as so, the number of counties with forests affected by Ash Dieback Disease remains unchanged at 24.

However, notable increases in the frequency of findings in forestry plantations were recorded in Counties Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford, Kildare, Meath, Cavan, and Clare.

In March 2013 the Department, continuing its efforts to attempt to prevent the spread of the disease, introduced a Reconstitution Scheme (Chalara Ash Dieback) to remove infected ash and restore forest areas planted under the afforestation scheme which had suffered from or which were associated with plants affected by disease.

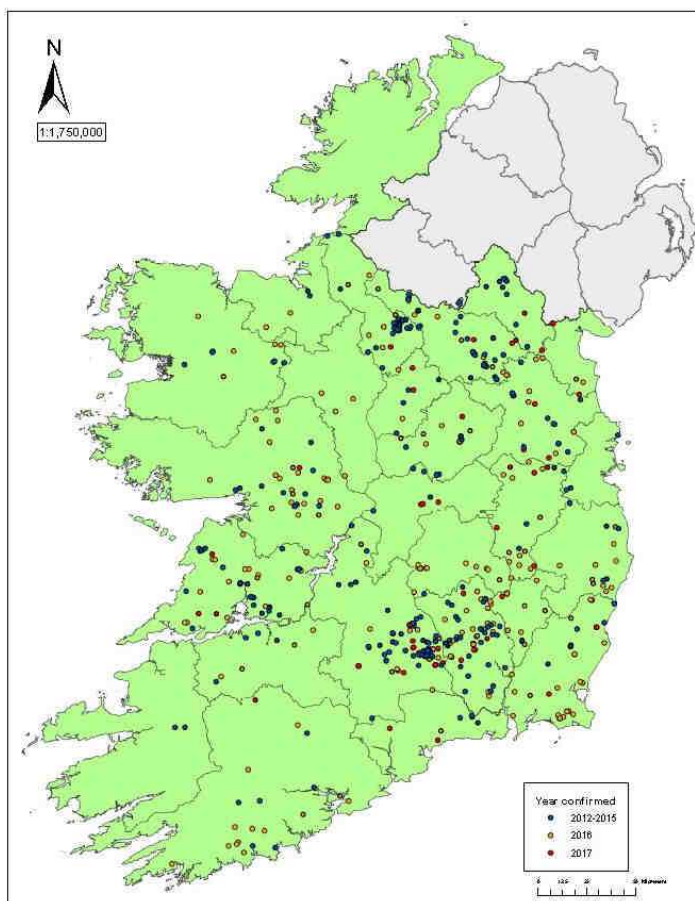


However, these findings of infected plantations continued to increase, as ash dieback disease was found over much of the country. In April 2018 a Review of the National Response to ash dieback disease was announced. This was because it has become increasingly evident from continued findings supported by the latest scientific advice that eradication of ash dieback disease is no longer feasible.

“Given this position, the Department has taken the view that its policy response must also change to one of living with the disease,” Minister for Agriculture Michael Creed said recently.

The Minister said the review of the Reconstitution Scheme is nearing completion and the results of that review and the consequent approach in terms of management of the disease going forward will be available in the near future.

Distribution map of confirmed findings of Ash Dieback in Ireland (as of 31 July 2017). The locations of commercial nurseries and garden centres are not depicted.



**Want a Pen Madrel?** If you want to respond to this offer from Ruth Wallace, get in touch by phone on 086 4000997 or at [ruthwallace411@gmail.com](mailto:ruthwallace411@gmail.com).

"I am looking for a 1MT pen madrel for my Record Power DML24 lathe. I purchased a 2MT mandrel in error and would be happy to swap if that worked for anyone!"

### **Birr Castle & Gardens**

Rich Varney recently visited Birr Castle and captured a few pictures. They are of a metal lathe and a mini wood lathe from the museum at Birr Castle. They were used in making parts of the large telescope at the castle, which was the biggest in the world for over 70 years.

Birr Castle Gardens are world famous and home to an abundance of rare plants, collected by the Earls of Rosse on their travels around the world over the last 150 years. Within the 50 hectares you will find the world's tallest box hedges, over 40 champion trees, over 2000 species of plants as well as rivers, lakes and water falls. It now has plant material collected and subscribed for by 3 generations of the family.

The gardens are open to the public 360 days of the year, and they are interesting and beautiful at all seasons.



## The November Demo - Given by Peter Mulvaney



### Demonstrators 2018

#### Saturday

January - Christy Glynn	July - Michael Fay
February - Tom Murphy	August - C. Glynn
March - Cancelled	September - W. Creighton
April - Kirsten Doherty	October - Graham Whitty
May - David Lowe	November - Peter Mulvaney
June - Willie Edwards	December - Joe O'Neill

#### Wednesday

January - Paul Murtagh	July - Noel White
February - Michael Fay	August - Sean McMurrow
March - Cancelled	September - tbc
April - Colm Murphy	October - Malcolm Hill
May - Willie Edwards	November - Peter Mulvaney
June - Willie Revielle	December - Joe O'Neill

#### Trade Stands at the Saturday Meetings for 2018.

Jan - The Wood Shed	Jul - Open to Members
Feb - The Carpentry Store	Aug - The Hut
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