



## DFA Study Trip to UK – June 2024 – 5 days trip

### Program

#### Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00 We meet at Stansted Airport for lunch.
- 13:00 Bus to Pretoria Energy, approx. 1 hour drive
- 14:00 Pretoria Energy: 21 mW biogas plant working on extruded straw. One of the largest biogas plants in Europe, specializing in the optimal utilization of different kinds of raw materials including straw.
- 18.30 Dinner in Stamford
- We're staying at The Crown Hotel, Stamford

#### Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>

- 08:20 Departure from hotel, driving time 5 min
- 08:30 Alltech and The Anderssons Centre
- Alltech Crop Science develops i.a. bio stimulants, while Alltech E-CO<sub>2</sub> works with measuring the CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of the individual agricultural company and reducing the footprint.
- The Anderssons Center is one of the UK's leading agricultural advice centers.
- [The Andersons Centre - Advising farm businesses for over 45 years](#)
- Patrick Charlton, VP for Alltech Europe: Introduction
  - Andrew Linscott from Alltech Crop Science: “Bio stimulants use on various crops”
  - Will Streatfield from Alltech E- CO<sub>2</sub>: “Carbon audit - financial prospects for UK agriculture, how policy and trade have evolved post Brexit, and an outlook for the arable and pig productions”
  - James Webster from The Anderssons Centre: “Financial prospects for UK agriculture, how policy and trade have evolved post Brexit, and an outlook for the arable and pig sectors”
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Leaving for James Dyson Farming, about 1 hour drive



- 14:00 James Dyson Farming:  
[Behind the scenes of Dyson Farming with James Dyson \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)  
"It's all about science and mechanics and experimenting"  
14,500 hectares of high-tech large-scale agriculture in harmony with nature. 1,600 hectares are flower fallow, 400 km of hedges, 15 km of stone dykes, and forest. The soil is cultivated with regenerative methods, i.a. grazing with sheep and cattle. A biogas plant produces electricity and heat. The heat is used to heat 5.7 hectares of greenhouses with unsprayed strawberries, which are looked after by robots.
- 16:30 Departure to hotel near Stansted airport, driving time approx. 2 hours
- 19:00 Dinner

### **Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 08:30 Leaving Stansted Airport by bus headed towards Groundswell.
- 09:30 We're spending the whole day at Groundswell the Regenerative Agriculture Festival.  
Groundswell is a practical show aimed at anyone who wants to understand the farmer's core asset, the soil, and make better informed decisions. It is a two-day event featuring talks, forums and discussions from leading international soil health experts, experienced arable and livestock farmers, agricultural policy experts, direct-drill demonstrations and AgTech innovators.  
[Groundswell - Regenerative Agriculture Festival Groundswell \(groundswellag.com\)](https://groundswellag.com)
- 20.15 Leaving Groundswell with 24 km to Thistle Express in Luton

### **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 08.15 Driving to the Thriplow Farms
- 09.00 Thriplow Farms, David Walston III:  
Thriplow Farms is a 900 hectares farm located just south of Cambridge, UK. We grow a variety of crops such as wheat, oilseed rape, peas, beans, oats, & grass. Techniques like no-till, companion cropping, bi-cropping and mob grazing mean that we are not just trying to farm sustainably – but to actively regenerate the quality and productivity of our soils.  
David Walston is a Nuffield scholar (2015). [www.thriplow-farms.co.uk/nuffield](http://www.thriplow-farms.co.uk/nuffield).



## Danish Farmers **ABROAD**

- 11.30 Driving to Claydon Drills, with lunch on the way:
- 14.00 We visit the factory as well as Jaff Claydon's 350-hectare farm. The Claydons have been working with soil health for decades, in cooperation with NIAB, Harper Adams University and others. [www.claydondrill.com](http://www.claydondrill.com)
- 16.00 Driving to Hotel in Kettering – 1 h 20 min /109 km.
- App. 18 Dinner, drinks and socializing at The Beeswing Kettering

### **Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 08.45 Driving to Allerton Project:
- 09.30 The Allerton Project researches the effects of different farming methods on wildlife and the environment, sharing results of our research through advisory and educational activities. This is undertaken on our 320-hectare demonstration farm based in Leicestershire, United Kingdom. [www.allertontrust.org.uk](http://www.allertontrust.org.uk)
- 11.30 Lunch at Allerton
- 12.45 Driving to NIAB Innovation Farm:
- 14.00 NIAB Innovation Farm is a pioneering UK knowledge transfer platform, a unique physical showcase of agricultural and horticultural activity with particular focus on plant genetic improvement, delivered in partnership with academics and industry to utilise, develop or produce plant-derived or plant-based materials. [www.niab.com/research/niab-innovation-farm](http://www.niab.com/research/niab-innovation-farm)
- 16.30 Driving back to Stansted Airport
- 17.15 Arrival to Stansted Airport – end of trip and Good Bye

### **Practicalities**

The price pr. person is 6.995 DKK + VAT for 5 days and includes:

- Hotel shared twin room 4 nights
- Bus transport Stansted - all visits and hotels – Stansted
- All meals except during the day at Groundswell

It is possible to reserve single room (an extra fee applies).

The Groundswell ticket must be purchased individually online before travelling. All participants will receive a group discount code.

**Registration:** as soon as possible and no later **than May 10<sup>th</sup>**. To DFA Secretariat: mail: [tom@axelgaard.org](mailto:tom@axelgaard.org)