

BASIS	Quality	of	Soils	Level	6
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- Demonstrate interrelationships between these aspects of soil & how it's a dynamic & subtly changing ecosystem which can be influenced, both positively & negatively, by farming practices.
- An advanced qualifying course towards the <u>BASIS Diploma</u> and the Harper Adams University Graduate Diploma in Agronomy with Environmental Management
- Information Sheet
- Dates: 24th,25,26th Sept. 1st,2nd Oct.2024 Cost £1100 plus vat
- Exam: 7th,8th Oct.2024 Cost £425.

## **Topics Covered**

- Introduction to soil
- The Physical, mechanical and morphological properties of soil. Water & air in soil
- Chemical properties of soil
- Soil organic matter. Carbon cycle
- Soil microbiota. Rhizosphere. Nitrogen & phosphorus cycles
- Soil mesobiota and macrobiota
- Soil, a non-renewable resource. Major threats to soil in the UK. Soil Health remediation practices. Soil testing methods
- <u>Syllabus</u>
- <u>Resource Material</u>

## Prerequisite

• FACTS Qualification required

## Refreshments

Lunch is provided with refreshments available throughout the day