

James Clarke

James is an Agriculture graduate from Reading University. He has been with ADAS since 1979, where he started as an agricultural advisor in Essex, Hertfordshire and Norfolk. From 1987-2002 he held posts at ADAS Boxworth, as agronomist, team manager and Arable Technical Manager, where he was Project Co-ordinator for a large number of Defra, HGCA and industry funded farmland projects

He is an acknowledged expert in crop agronomy, farming systems and weed management, with strategic roles in major projects on farming systems, assessment of carbon footprints and sustainability, use and impact of plant protection products, and weed management. Recent project involvement includes work on farmland biodiversity (SAFFIE), developing Weed Manager (a decision support system for winter wheat), a weed encyclopaedia, and weed ecology.

As well as James' current role is as Associate Director, Science and Business Development Manager; ADAS Soils, Agriculture and Water, he is Chairman of the Pesticides Forum, its Indicators group, and of the Weed Resistance Action Group. He is a Member of RSPB Lowland Farm Project Advisory Group and was an Independent Member of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides (ACP) as an expert in efficacy and farming system.