

SSCR Potato Committee 2025 Winter Meeting



4 March 2025: 10:30 to 15:30
Auditorium, Crop Innovation Centre
The James Hutton Institute, Dundee

10.30 Registration: tea & coffee

Presentations

11:00 **Welcome and introduction**

Archie Gibson, Chair of SSCR Potato Committee

11:10 **Bacteriophage: targeted biocontrols for the UK seed potato industry**

Alison Blackwell, APS Biocontrol Ltd

11:30 **The highs and lows of aphid control using alternatives to pesticides**

Alison Karley, The James Hutton Institute

11:50 **Development of new national warning systems for potato viruses**

Pete Skelsey, The James Hutton Institute

12:10 **Are we in control of PCN control strategies?**

James Price, The James Hutton Institute

12:30 **Do cover crops manage free-living nematodes?** SSCR funded project

Roy Neilson, The James Hutton Institute

12.50 **Lunch**

14:10 **Future trends in the retail and processing potato sectors**

Niall Arbuckle, Greenvale AP Ltd

14.30 **Understanding the risk posed by wireworm to Scottish Agriculture**

Kerry Leslie, SAC Consulting

14.50 **Late blight populations and control**

David Cooke, The James Hutton Institute & Eric Anderson, Scottish Agronomy

15.20 **Final remarks and meeting close.**