Pest Alert: *Citrus bark cracking viroid* (CBCVd)

**Fig. 1.** Hop plants infected with CBCVd exhibiting stunted growth. Picture by kind permission of Dr Sebastjan Radišek

**Fig. 2.** (left) Hop plants affected with CBCVd showing reduced cone size (healthy on right for comparison). Pictures by kind permission of Dr Sebastjan Radišek

- Pest of **hops** and **Citrus** present in parts of **Europe** and elsewhere. Effects on hops have only been seen in Slovenia.
- **CBCVd** can cause a range of symptoms on hops, including a **shortening of the internodes of the main and lateral branches**, **leaf yellowing (chlorosis)**, **downward curling** and **reduced cone production**.
- The pest is spread **mechanically** e.g. through pruning.
- Plant Health Phytosanitary certification can help in maintaining disease freedom of hop planting material.

*If you suspect the presence of the pest, please inform the relevant authority (see over for details).*
For England and Wales, contact your local APHA Plant Health and Seeds Inspector, or the PHSI headquarters, in York:

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Tel: 0300 1000 313 (please select option 3 when calling)
Email: planthealth.info@apha.gov.uk

For Scotland, contact the Scottish Government’s Horticulture and Marketing Unit:

Agricultural crops contact the local RPID officer: http://www.gov.scot/Topics/farmingrural/Agriculture/AOcontacts/contacts
For non-agricultural crops, email: hort.marketing@gov.scot

For Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA Plant Health Inspection Branch:
Tel: 0300 200 7847  Email: planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk
Web: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/topics/plant-and-tree-health

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