Xylella fastidiosa is an extremely damaging bacterial disease, with a large range of hosts. It is not currently present in the UK. Olive trees (Olea) are amongst the worst affected hosts, with devastating effects on infected orchards in Italy. Symptoms on olive trees include leaf scorch, dieback and eventually tree death. There is now evidence that infected olive trees have been moving in trade – with findings being recently confirmed at a wholesale nursery in Belgium, the first finding in this country. The plants originated in Spain where the disease has also been confirmed. Olive trees are very susceptible, but infection can remain latent and symptoms not show for several years. Due to the risk posed, there are statutory notification requirements for certain imports; check with your relevant plant health authority. Consider carefully your sourcing of Xylella host plants, particularly from countries where it is known to be present: France, Italy and Spain.

If you suspect the presence of Xylella fastidiosa, please inform the relevant authority (see over for details).
Follow the QR code or links below for further information about *Xylella*.

Further information;

Defra plant health portal *Xylella* factsheet:

High risk host plants of *Xylella*:

Full list of confirmed hosts for EU outbreaks:

If you have concerns that your plants are infected with *Xylella* then please contact your relevant plant health officials:

**For England and Wales, contact your local APHA Plant Health and Seeds Inspector, or the PHSI headquarters, in York:**
Tel: 01904 405138
Email: planthealth.info@apha.gsi.gov.uk
Web: https://www.gov.uk/plant-health-controls

**For Scotland, contact the Scottish Government’s Horticulture and Marketing Unit:**
Email: hort.marketing@gov.scot
Web: http://www.gov.scot/Topics/farmingrural/Agriculture/plant/PlantHealth

**For Northern Ireland, contact DAERA Plant Health Inspection Branch:**
Tel: 0300 200 7847
Email: planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk
Web: www.daera-ni.gov.uk