• *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.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