In June 2015 the first finding of *Dryocosmus kuriphilus* (Oriental chestnut gall wasp) in the UK was confirmed, in a Kent woodland. The wasp is native to Asia, and has been introduced to continental Europe.

- It affects *Castanea* (including sweet chestnut), causing galling on leaves, twigs and petioles – inhibiting leaf function, which can weaken the tree, reducing nut production and making it more susceptible to disease.

- The galls produced are distinctive: green or rose-coloured, and can be up to 4 cm in diameter (see Figs 1, 2 and 3) (photos courtesy of Fera Science Limited). No other organism is known to cause galls on sweet chestnut in the UK.

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**Fig 1: Multiple galls**

**Fig 2: Rose-coloured gall**
If you see any suspicious galls, please inform the relevant authority given below:

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:
Tel: 0131 244 8935
Email: hort.marketing@gov.scot
Web: http://www.gov.scot/PlantHealth/PlantDiseases

For Northern Ireland, contact the DARD Plant Health Inspection Branch:
Tel: 0300 200 7847
Email: planthealth@dardni.gov.uk
Web: www.dardni.gov.uk

The Forestry Commission, using the tree alert form:
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/treerealrt