

BKIT Fruit Fly Newsletter – August 2022

A big 'thank-you' to everyone who has attended our recent Fruit Fly Management workshops and also attended the office to get information and traps to help manage Qfly this season.

The weather forecast for the next three months is conducive to another bad fruit fly season unless early control methods are put in place. Now is the time for action!

We had an unusually prolonged autumn this year, which led to the highest recorded number of Qfly, in our region, since the outbreak started in 2011.

If we can put management controls in place now, and hit Qfly hard at the start of the season, we have a chance of reducing numbers during spring and look forward to a more positive season.

Flies that are captured during spring are mostly those that emerged as adults in late autumn and survived winter in warm refuges to find food, a mate and then fruit to infest. If we can control the fruit flies that have survived winter, the damage to fruit in the coming summer and autumn can be reduced or eliminated.

Now is the time to refill your BioTraps and deploy them in your garden, along with MAT cups (to attract and kill male Qfly).

We have traps, nets and protein bait available at the BKIT office, which is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

If you work during the week and can't get to the office on these days? Please get in touch to see if we can arrange something suitable.

Together we can have an impact on this pest!!