

PestTech heads south to Milton Keynes

It's all change again for PestTech in 2018 as the popular, one-day event organised by the National Pest Technicians Association (NPTA) moves to a new venue for the second year running. The date has gone back to the more familiar Wednesday nearest bonfire night – 7 November 2018 and the new venue is the Arena MK in Milton Keynes.



NPTA's Adam Hawley

2017 marked a sea change for PestTech. The move away from the somewhat old-fashioned Motorcycle Museum venue to Coventry's Ricoh Stadium completed PestTech's 20-year plus transition from homespun fair, to today's nationally important professional event.

But clearly a nationally significant pest management event cannot compete with televised snooker, so it should come as no surprise that last year's venue has chosen to host the snooker in the first week of November 2018 rather than PestTech.

But, as chairman Adam Hawley explained earlier this year it wasn't just the snooker that made NPTA think twice about the Ricoh: "In 2017 we had free parking for delegates but, this turned out to be just an

'introductory offer'. We feel strongly that it is very important to continue to provide free entry and free parking for all attendees, so when the venue refused to offer the same terms for future years, that was the final nail in its coffin."

OK so the Ricoh's got the lucrative snooker and doesn't want PestTech in the first week of November, but, that's fine. The new venue is a bit further south, but it's still very central and pretty easy to get to. What's more it has plenty of free parking, so what's not to like!

Arena MK is actually a very similar set up to the Coventry Ricoh. Like the Ricoh it's a major sporting venue, the home of the MK Dons football club and, again, like the Ricoh, there is an on site Doubletree by Hilton hotel. There are also plenty of seating



areas offering networking and meeting opportunities within the Arena MK building.

The MK Arena is sited within the MK1 Leisure and Shopping Park which offers plenty of other restaurants to choose from all within easy walking distance. What's more, if you need to do a spot of shopping before making your way home there's a large Walmart ASDA store, M&S and a variety of fashion and sports outlets. For those who fancy a break from pest control talk, or prefer not to go to the *Pest Control News* dinner, there's also an Odeon multi-screen and IMAX cinema.



Seminar programme

There will be a full programme of seminars running alongside the exhibition. Final titles and timings are not yet announced but the topics will be:

- Bayer's Richard Mosley on BRC auditing;
- NPTA's John Hope on NPTA technical support services;
- Abigail Reade from the Tree Bee Society on collecting bees;
- Martin Ball from the Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme;
- David Cross from Rentokil with an update on Aluminium Phosphide;
- Simon Whitehead from Parkfield Ferrets on rabbiting past, present and future.



The exhibitors

This list is as complete as we could get from PestTech organisers, the National Pest Technicians Association (NPTA). As we went to press, the NPTA was experiencing some admin difficulties, so the list may not be comprehensive. The expectation is that the final tally will be around 50 exhibitors.

We will be sending out a **Pest Alert** by email with the full exhibitor list and details of the accompanying seminars a week or so before the event. If you are not sure if you are signed up for **Pest** emails following all the GDPR chaos, email editor@pestmagazine.co.uk with your consent.

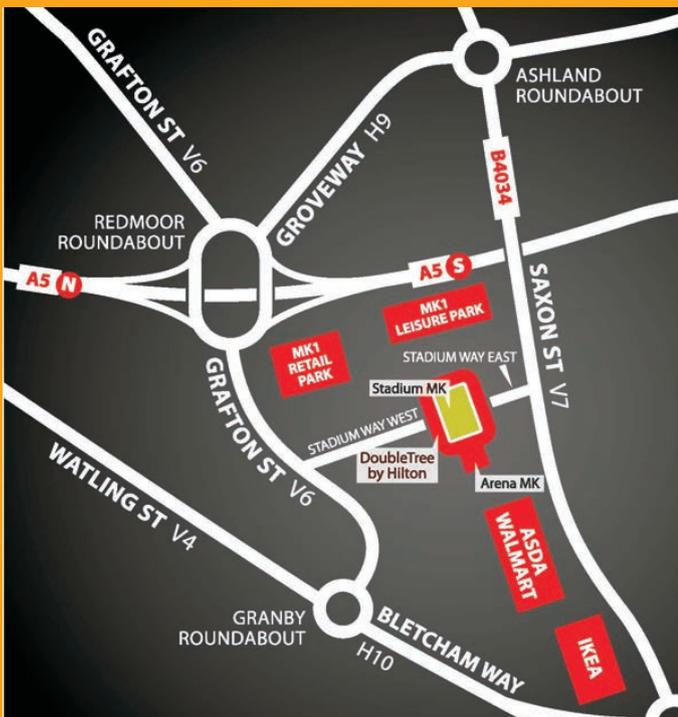


Exhibitor

- Tenv Solutions
- Agrisense
- Airgun Training & Education Organisation
- Barrettine
- BASF
- BASIS PROMPT
- Bat Conservation
- Bayer
- Bell Laboratories
- Bower Products
- British Pest Control Association
- Bradshaw Bennett
- Campaign for Responsible Rodenticide Use
- Cliverton Insurance
- County Workwear
- Deadline Products
- Higgs Holdings
- Huck Nets
- International Pest Control
- Killgerm

Exhibitor

- Lantra
- Lodi UK
- PelGar International
- Pelsis
- Pest Management Alliance
- Pest Trader
- PestWest
- PestFix
- Rat Pak
- Rat Wall
- Roythornes
- RRAG
- RSPH
- Russell IPM
- Sentomol
- ServicePro
- Syngenta
- The Wild Chef
- WaspBane
- WH Fountain
- WIIS
- Woodstream



Doors open at 09.00

Exhibition closes at 16.00

Arena MK, Stadium Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK1 1ST

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