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Dr. James Allerton

is a trained scientist, with a Masters in Science degree and a PhD in physics, both degrees undertaken at Royal Holloway College (University of London).

During a 16 year career at the UK's National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, he worked across multiple departments.

Most recently he worked as an air quality scientist in the Atmospheric Environmental Science department where he initiated international, collaborative work in the relatively new field of airborne environmental DNA (eDNA) measurements - this innovative technique offers the prospect of supporting biodiversity monitoring and bio-surveillance on a global scale.



Sarah Foss

began studying horticulture in 2005 working with disabled people helping them to overcome ongoing mental ill-health by accessing gardening. Then ran gardening projects for various charities and taught C&G Practical Horticulture to disabled adults.

Achieved RHS Level 3 Diploma with distinction 2018, RHS Master of Horticulture degree-level award with Distinction 2022 winning the prestigious Chittenden Award for gaining the highest grades in her year.

She presently works as a sessional tutor for EcoLocal, Sutton Parks Department, Imperial College London, South Thames College (Merton) and works for the RHS as a Senior Examiner.