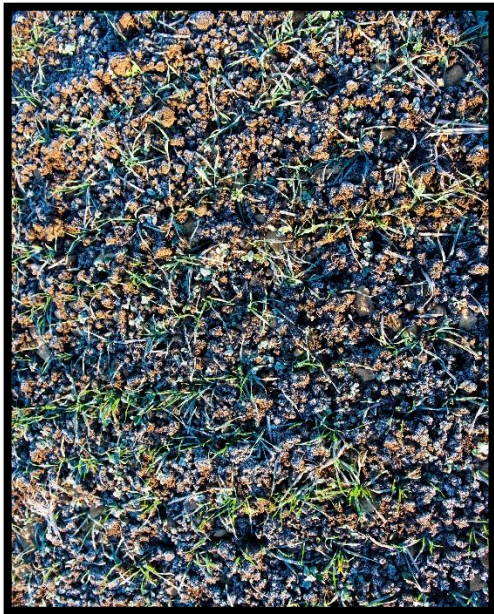


## Mechanical weeding project



20 January 2017

On this beautiful frosty day it is good to see that the second wheat on Roundabouts field at Harnhill Manor Farm is looking healthy (if rather crispy!) – a perfect site for a mechanical weeding trial.



The field is a clay loam with limestone fragments, so a fairly typical Cotswold brash soil.





The crop was drilled on 24th October using a power harrow combination drill after ploughing. It was sown with the variety RGT Illustrious, a milling wheat variety at 300 seeds/m<sup>2</sup>. The crop has emerged evenly, has not suffered from any slug damage and is showing no signs of septoria or mildew. There is a high weed pressure out in the field, mainly broadleaf species.



The other side of Roundabouts field is in an overwinter stubble which will be drilled with spring wheat probably in March, this will be the site of the mechanical weeding demonstrations on 9th May (weather permitting) as the crop will be less mature.

