



**Johnathan Sutton,
Westfalia Group Safety & Environment Executive**



Johnathan is passionate about sustainable Agrifood production and the connection with the consumer, he studied Agriculture in the UK, graduating in 1989. He applied these skills as a vegetable agronomist in pea production for freezing with Unilever.

In 1998 he joined Tesco to lead the vegetable technical agenda and established a product development pipeline with exclusive varieties and production methods. In 2007 he moved to Bangkok to share his knowledge & bring leadership to the quality and safety teams throughout Asia, within this role he established direct sourcing models for Tesco to create a benefit of scale for growers and Tesco to market goods globally.

In 2011 he joined Marks & Spencer in the UK to head up the fresh produce technical team, with a major focus on the safety of ready to eat produce and driving the sustainability agenda under the Plan A initiative.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) and a Registered Scientist. After 18 years in retail he decided to join a leading fresh produce supplier as Technical Director, working closer with growers & plant breeders to drive the consumer agenda from the supplier perspective.

He joined Westfalia in 2020 to lead the strategy and direction for Safety (Food & Health), the Environment and the research agenda for the group business.