

INVASIVE  
WEED  
CONTROL

NEGATIVE  
ECONOMIC  
IMPACT  
EST'D AT  
£1.7  
BILLION



INVASIVES  
INTRODUCED  
FROM OTHER  
ECOSYSTEMS

CORRECT  
APPROACH  
REQUIRED  
TO  
CONTROL

BLIGHT OF  
MANY LAND  
AREAS IN  
THE UK



They are known as invasive species because they were introduced into this country from other ecosystems and, due to the lack of natural predators or disease, have been able to spread very quickly and out compete native plants. This has the effect of reducing biodiversity, impacting upon the environment and devaluing and damaging property in the process.

#### HOW IS IT DONE?

Taking an integrated approach by adopting proper cultural techniques, applying appropriate agronomy and where possible avoiding problems.

Pesticides used safely and correctly remain a key element in such approaches. Ensuring the use of properly trained staff who continually keep up to date.

Landowners and homeowners are responsible for preventing the spread of invasives from their land

9.2% of rivers and canals in England and Wales are infested with Japanese knotweed and 3.1% in Scotland. The total cost of controlling Japanese knotweed on the road network in Great Britain is estimated to be over £6 million.

Invasives are difficult to kill rapidly and if excavated and removed from site, soils containing viable plant material must be treated as controlled waste. Giant Hogweed presents a risk to human health with sap that on contact makes skin photoreactive leading to painful blistering and severe skin irritation resulting in purple black scars. symptoms of this can persist for years after exposure.

#### SOME KEY POINTS

- Whilst all methods of control are and need to be utilised, pesticides remain key to the solution.
- All chemicals applied are approved for use by our governing body.
- Any newly proposed chemicals for use are considered based on scientific trials and evidence.
- The Amenity sector in the UK has led the way in committing itself to best practice & developing an Amenity Assured Standard.
- Weed, pest and disease control is both important and essential.
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