

Japanese Knotweed – Warning

The Parish Council has been made aware that Japanese Knotweed is growing in at least two places in Newick.

Japanese Knotweed is a large herbaceous perennial plant that was introduced into the country in the early 1800s. However, it has proved to be highly invasive, it can easily overwhelm other garden plants and its extensive root system can cause damage to buildings and roads. It is an offence (under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) to plant or cause Japanese Knotweed to grow in the wild, and there are strict rules about how it should be disposed of.



The owners of the land where Japanese Knotweed has been identified have been informed and asked to take action to eradicate it. It is also possible that the plant may be growing elsewhere in the village but has not yet been spotted, therefore, the Parish Council would like to ask all parishioners to be vigilant. Please check your gardens and, if you think that you may have Japanese Knotweed growing, take steps to get it identified and removed.

Some useful information on how to identify, control and dispose of Japanese Knotweed can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/wildlife/130079.aspx>

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/advicesearch/Profile.aspx?PID=218>

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