

Plan to control Japanese Knotweed at Townsend Way.

Japanese Knotweed has been identified at Townsend Way.

This growth has been professionally treated in the past but has regrown and is spreading at an alarming rate throughout the immediate grassed area.

Adequate control of regrowth may take up to 3 years and the area will need constant monitoring thereafter.

It is acknowledged that the area maybe visually unappealing whilst treatment is carried out.

It is acknowledged that there may be considerable costs associated with disposing of or burying of treated plants/rhizomes.

Advice on how to treat JK varies between organisation however the following basic information seems to be repeated :

Above ground removal

Cutting Japanese knotweed canes/stems will not successfully remove or reduce this species and cutting may result in material being spread elsewhere.

Herbicide application

If the area of Japanese knotweed is small, it is possible to spray the leaves and canes with glyphosate. When spraying herbicides, always follow the manufacturer's guidelines and consider if the herbicide is safe for the intended use of the site following treatment and the sites location

Bradpole Parish Council will use the following 3 year plan

1 The area is to be fenced off

To ensure the new growth in the grassed area is not spread by cutting.

To ensure the health and safety of public

2 The area is to be sprayed with 'glyphosate' weed killer regularly throughout the summer period – June, July, August, September, October

To ensure new growth is treated

3 Die back is to be assessed during the winter months.

To monitor effectiveness of treatment

4 Professional advice in respect of disposal of treated stems and foliage is to be sought once die back has occurred.

JK is classed as 'contaminated waste - current advice indicates it is best practice to not move dead plant material from the site. WDDC advice will be sought on disposal/burial methods.