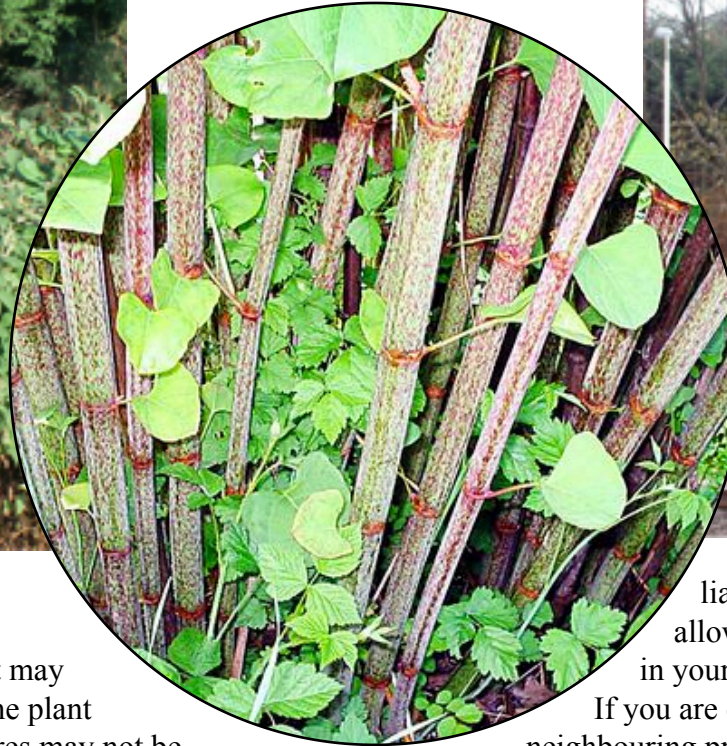


Japanese Knotweed

What you need to know

Japanese knotweed is an invasive plant species from Japan, China and Taiwan that is very easily spread by even the smallest pieces of the plant. It has a deep and extensive root system and its shoots are able to pierce tarmac, damage buildings and hard landscaping. It overtakes other vegetation and can quickly destroy cultivated gardens, hedgerows, riverbanks and native wild plants. Unfortunately, it is widely present in the Tintern area.



It is the responsibility of the landowner to control Japanese Knotweed. It must only be removed by chemical treatment (glyphosate). It may take three or four years of re-treatment to kill the plant completely. Weed killers found in garden centres may not be strong enough to kill it. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) advises use of Scotts Roundup Tree Stump & Rootkiller which has label recommendation for controlling Japanese knotweed by application to the cut canes. Bayer Garden Super Strength Weedkiller also has label control for this weed. (See link below to RHS website for more information.)

Do not cut, strim or try to dig it up. Under no circumstances should any part of the plant be disposed of in general waste or garden waste or put on compost heaps.

It is not an offence to have Japanese knotweed on your property/land but it is an offence to spread it deliberately to other areas. You may also be

liable to sanctions by the local authority if you allow the uncontrolled spread of Japanese knotweed in your garden to threaten neighbouring gardens.

If you are concerned that Japanese knotweed is present in a neighbouring property, talk to your neighbour about the problem before contacting the local authority about possible enforcement action.

Further information and advice:

<https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/environmental-topics/wildlife-and-biodiversity/invasive-species/japanese-knotweed/?lang=en>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=218>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-japanese-knotweed-from-spreading>

<http://www.rics.org/uk/knowledge/professional-guidance/information-papers/japanese-knotweed-and-residential-property-1st-edition/>