



Invasive Plant Management

Managing, Clearing, Protecting



Uncontrolled invasive and injurious plants can be harmful to people, livestock and wildlife. Their presence decreases the biodiversity value of land and water environments and can cause delay and additional cost to development projects.

OHES can manage invasive plants such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and many other species. We have the skills and qualifications (BASIS and NPTC certified) to deal with any unwanted or invasive plant species in both aquatic and terrestrial situations, working to current legislative and government guidance.

With our extensive botanical knowledge and expertise we can ensure your plant control needs are met while ensuring the protection of the environment.

“I was very impressed with the efficiency and professionalism that was shown by OHES in controlling our aquatic weed. This has greatly improved our fishery and the biodiversity on the St Patrick’s Stream”

David Johnson
Twyford and District Fishing Club

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We can provide a range of services for the control of invasive and injurious plants. We can produce individual and detailed management plans for the control of your unwanted plants. We provide practical and effective solutions to ensure our services fit your needs, and that we obtain the outcomes you want. Our team also offers contaminated land management services for larger infestations.

Our services include:

- * Control of Invasive and Injurious Plants including:
 - * Japanese Knotweed
 - * Himalayan Balsam
 - * Giant Hogweed
 - * Fringed Water Lily
 - * Floating Pennywort
 - * Mare's Tail
 - * Parrot's Feather
 - * Water Fern
 - * Duckweed..... and many other species
- * Large and Small Scale Plant Control Solutions
- * Catchment Level Evaluation for Invasive Species
- * Production of Management Plans
- * Site Specific Species GIS Mapping
- * GIS Density Mapping
- * Contaminated Land Solutions
- * Aquatic Habitat Management
- * Land Development Clearances

Please contact us if we can be of any further help. All the services we provide follow recommended Codes of Practice and national guidance.



Case Study: Fringed Water-lily (*Nymphaoides peltata*) Control on the River Colne, Hertfordshire.

We were engaged to control fringed water-lily on the River Colne in Hertfordshire. The lily was impacting the river habitat causing increased siltation, dominating other native submerged plants by shading and reducing recreational access. We assessed this infestation and produced an improvement plan to help address the problem.

We applied an initial chemical control as a primary and immediate action to restore the river channel and improve angling access. This was followed by further physical control adjustments by the regulatory authority which included the removal of an impounding structure.

The combination of treatment and reducing the impounding effects permitted the river to flow more freely, cleared the choking silts and weed, vastly improved the site's visual appearance and opened up a new opportunity for recreation and wildlife.



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