

Japanese Knotweed

Do not cut, strim or dig it

**A small piece of root or stem
can grow into a new plant.
Pieces are carried off in soil
and on tools, boots and tyres.**

**Do not move soil from this area.
Do not put any of it in green waste,
compost or household bins.**

Why it matters:

- It grows back every year from its roots, which keep spreading.
- It is an offence to plant it or cause it to grow in the wild.
- Soil or plant material containing it is controlled waste when it is disposed of.

If you see it growing anywhere else on this site, tell the contact below.

How to recognise it: Up to 3 metres tall, with hollow bamboo-like stems speckled with pink-red, shield-shaped leaves and sprays of tiny creamy-white flowers from August to October. New shoots in spring are reddish purple. In winter it dies back to tall brown canes.

If you have concerns about this site, contact:

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