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## Eradicating the dreaded Japanese knotweed

EVERYONE knows the threats posed to our countryside and gardens by the dreaded Japanese knotweed. Not many of us know the best way to get rid of this pest.

That's where Japanese Knotweed Removal Ltd come in.

They are experts when it comes to dealing with invasive weeds and their capacity to damage and destroy any property or outdoor area – construction sites, concrete surfaces and homes included.

From their base in Houldsworth Mill, Stockport, Cheshire, they aim to provide a timely, cost effective, environmentally-friendly solution to the control and eradication of Japanese Knotweed - as well as Giant Hogweed and Himalayan Balsam.

They offer a fully comprehensive service which is tailored to their clients' objectives and yet individual to each site. They also pride themselves on the fact that we are the only UK supplier of the pioneering stem injection equipment which we supply through our sister company Stem Injection Systems.

Whether you are a national construction company, local council or property owner Japanese Knotweed Control can provide a treatment method to eradicate this invasive weed from your site.

Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) was introduced into Europe in the 18th century as an ornamental plant and also to provide ground cover and fodder. Sadly it has become one of the most invasive and problematic wild plants in the British countryside.

Reproduction is vegetative regeneration with fragments of rhizome as small as 0.7g being enough to give rise to a fresh plant.

All European plants are female and because they don't need male germination, we have no male plants in Europe. All reproduction is purely through cuttings being transported to new site areas.



The rhizome and root system can spread up to seven metres in length and three metres in depth dependent on soil conditions. It can survive in water for some time and still be viable when in contact with soil.

It thrives on disturbance and has been spread by

both natural and human activity. In river areas, high water picks up rhizome fragments and juvenile plants and deposits them further down stream to start new infestations. Fly tipping and careless transportation by humans is the largest means of the plant spreading.

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