

JKC NEWS

SALTEX 2008 Supplement

Return to SALTEX

Japanese Knotweed Control (JKC) returns to this year's IOG SALTEX in September, the scene of its highly successful debut last year when the revolutionary new stem injection system was launched within Europe.

Since then the market leading specialist in the treatment of non-native invasive plants has spent the past 12 months consolidating business with many prospects from that show, whilst also working to develop new dedicated training and education programmes set to revolutionise invasive weed management techniques.

JKC and its partner, SLIC Training has launched various fully accredited training

courses including the application of herbicide and chemicals using the stem injection method, an ASET accredited herbicide application refresher course and a Japanese knotweed awareness course aimed at delegates who need a basic knowledge and understanding of the hazards posed by the plant.

The courses, launched at SALTEX via a series of workshop presentations on Wednesday 3rd September, are set to become essential vocational training for anyone involved in the treatment of non-native invasive plants, whether individuals, local authorities, private companies or even horticultural colleges wishing to train their own students.



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The stem injection system, now being widely used by a growing number of commercial customers across both the private and public sectors, is of course a central tenet of the training programme. JKC's joint managing director, David Layland commented:

“Our focus last year on launching the new stem injection treatment led to increased take up of the system as it is becoming recognised as the most ecologically sound and cost effective treatment method in the current economic climate.”

“This year’s SALTEX provides the opportunity to launch the sector’s first dedicated training courses that will not only help to counter the problems and causes of invasive weeds but also help to professionalise our industry to an even higher standard.”

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SALTEX Showcase Ipswich Borough Council

SALTEX once again enables JKC and its sister company, Stem Injection Systems (Europe) to showcase some of its recent success stories to new prospects.

One such example is Ipswich Borough Council which began researching alternatives to its existing practice of ‘cutting and burning’ weeds before discovering the stem injection system at last year’s show.

Twelve months on and Ipswich Borough Council is purchasing additional stem injection equipment and employs a dedicated two man team working throughout the year to treat the borough’s problem.

Nick Wilcox, area manager of the council’s Grounds Maintenance Department said:

“We have over 30 different infestations on council land across the borough ranging from 10 square metres to over 200 square metres in size.”



“There was initially some scepticism about the stem injection treatment from our external amenity consultants, but we have been nothing but highly impressed with the treatment’s results since our early trials began. Treatment call-back times and ongoing labour costs have been dramatically reduced and I can’t speak highly enough about the method’s effectiveness and the support we’ve had from the JKC team.”

“We now have an additional problem with another weed species, Giant Hogweed, and we have gone back to JKC to discuss suitable treatment methods.”

Plain Sailing

JKC has successfully completed a Japanese knotweed eradication programme along the waterways of Manchester.

The company used the stem injection treatment technique to successfully treat a large infestation during 2007 and the site was officially handed back to the project management team at Capita Symonds earlier this year.

Dave Else at Capita Symonds Structures commented:

“We were very impressed with the speed and efficiency of the treatment and by the project management of JKC which ensured that the eradication programme was a great success.”

Asset Management

Whilst economic conditions continue to hit landowners and developers hard, JKC is suggesting one way the market can help itself to increase asset values and improve the balance sheet.

JKC’s joint managing director, Richard Podmore explains:

“It is a proven fact that land cleared of Japanese knotweed and similar infestations of non-native plant species, is significantly higher in value than land left contaminated.”

“As developers seek to gain every possible competitive advantage in these troubled economic times, investment in a treatment programme could prove a timely and cost effective way of improving their land value”



Before and after JK clearance - Timperley site, Cheshire.

Tee-Time Treatment

A Japanese knotweed infestation at Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club has been treated by Japanese Knotweed Control using its latest stem injection system.



Set in Royal Parkland at Richmond-on-Thames, adjacent to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, the golf course's location meant that traditional chemical spraying was not an environmentally acceptable option.

Two large problem areas of weeds on the course meant the localised stem injection method was ideal, avoiding the environmental risk of spray

drift, run-off or contamination of water courses or other vegetation. Course manager, Gavin Kinsella commented:

“The Japanese Knotweed Control team was professional, personable and highly knowledgeable about the treatment required. It quickly and efficiently overcame a knotweed problem which, if left untreated, could have escalated into a seriously costly issue for our golf club.”

Export Success

Japanese Knotweed Control's sister company, Stem Injection Systems (Europe) continues its international expansion securing a number of new European export orders.



Commercial customers in France, Spain and Poland, as well as the Swiss government, have all recently taken delivery of the new stem injection equipment, for which Stem Injection Systems is the preferred supplier for the whole of Europe.



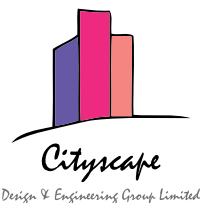
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