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From: mervynnewman <mervynnewman@btinternet.com>
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Subject: Tamar Valley Invasives Survey

Dear Mrs Southworth

I have been asked by Tamar Valley National Landscape (AONB as was until last week) to carry out a survey of invasives non-native species in the Tamar catchment.

This is part of a feasibility study on setting up an invasives control programme.

As a starting point though I am trying to establish what is known locally about several invasive non-native plant species such as giant hogweed, Himlayan balsam, Japanese knotweed and

American skunk cabbage.

Could I trouble you to complete the attached questionnaire for your Parish which, along with returns from other Parishes, will allow us to see the scale of these problem species, catchment-wide.

Many thanks for your help.

Kind regards

Mervyn Newman

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Tamar Catchment - Invasive Non-Native Species Questionnaire

The Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership is seeking information on the presence and spread of Giant hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and American skunk cabbage in the wider river catchment.

As much of the recruitment of seeds or viable plant fragments wash down rivers, it is important to understand their extent in the wider catchment from which new invasive plants may enter the lower reaches of the river and estuary.

We are therefore looking for help in identifying where these four plant species are upstream and in what numbers. For this we need to tap the knowledge of local people and societies within the Tamar Catchment area and are looking for participants to share their information with us.

This up-to-date information will help to inform a feasibility study that has been commissioned for the possible development of a control programme.

Information about the four species of principal interest can be found at [Plant Atlas 2020](#).

In completing the form, please indicate to which river valley or area the information relates.

Please do share this questionnaire, if you know of others who may be interested.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Organisation and contact details for the sender:			
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<i>Please note, the AONB is carrying out this work in partnership with Mervyn Newman Ecological Services. We may wish to contact you for more information (see our Privacy Statement). Please indicate if you do not want to be contacted.</i>			
River, stream or site name:			
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Species	Present on site?	OS map grid reference (if known)	Comments (such as past or current management control or survey)
Giant hogweed			
Japanese knotweed			
American skunk cabbage			
Himalayan balsam			
<i>Other invasive non-native species of concern</i>			

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