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HIMALAYAN BALSAM UPDATE 10TH JULY 2013

Dear neighbours / riparian owners/ environmentalists,

The balsam is now flowering so time is shortening fast. On the plus side it is now becoming more obvious so easy to spot.

Work has been progressing with CDE cutting and strimming up on the common at Hawkerland Brake and Sam Bridgewater and me have been pulling in various other locations on the common itself to help familiarise him with the known infested areas.

There is a lot to do below The Russell's house between there and Goosemoor and Sam has programmed this for Wednesday pm 17th July. John Russell has cleared the brook between his house and Stoneyford Cottage and will be keeping an eye on it for those latecomers to the party. John & Kim at Stoneyford Cottage have made a start but say they may need some help this year so if anyone can offer that would be great. There is still balsam visible above their boundary under the trees – Richard?

Above the Brine's house where the brook again goes under the road there is none evident along the stream until the old quarry which CDE say they will do. There have been a few solitary plants south side of stream opposite the woodyard and CDE have been asked to remind their tenant to pull any seen in the woodyard though none are evident there from the streamside.

Above the woodyard there were plants last year in the first paddock upstream – these were pulled a number of times and none are visible yet this year.

There are plants growing in the farm yard behind Hawkerland Farm leased to Ray Middleton and his lads have agreed to tackle those.

The lower valley below Goosemoor will be dealt with by Newton Pop PC and a team of volunteers from N-Pop, the OVA, and others including CDE who have also agreed to help with spraying of some heavily infested areas away from the brook.

ACTION DATES

11/7 9 AM -OVA have an organised pull this Thursday – meet at Bicton College arches.

17/7 2PM – CDE workparty below Ashebrook / The Russell's house down to Goosemoor

Thanks - Rob

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