

### Japanese Knotweed

Do you know what Japanese Knotweed is? See <https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Documents/04-Environment-Refuse--Recycling/Environmental-Health/Pollution-Control/Japanese-Knotweed-Identification.pdf>.

It is illegal to plant or otherwise cause Japanese Knotweed to grow in the wild and by not disposing of Japanese Knotweed safely. Civil law cases can result in severe financial consequences; doing nothing can have consequences if there is Japanese Knotweed on your land.

The majority of Japanese knotweed has been spread by riverbank erosion, and by man's activities, such as fly-tipping, garden waste and moving contaminated soil. Mechanical flails and mowers will also spread the plant.

### Toddbrook Reservoir Consultation

Throughout September the Canal and River Trust are running a consultation about the future of the Toddbrook Reservoir Dam. The consultation ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September and the Council encourages residents to view the consultation and provide their comments.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Canal and River Trust are using a virtual consultation room to provide information regarding the proposed works. A link to the consultation is available on the following webpage <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/where-we-work/north-west/restoring-toddbrook-reservoir>

If you are unable to access the virtual consultation you can collect a form from the Town Council offices between 10:00am and 12:00pm every weekday and post it too, Toddbrook Consultation, Canal & River Trust, First Floor North, Station House, 500 Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1BB



The Toddbrook Reservoir



An example of Japanese Knotweed

Government advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-the-spread-of-harmful-invasive-and-non-native-plants> High Peak Borough Council advice: <https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/2553/Harmful->

### Grants and Donations

The Town Council has opened applications for grants and donations for the year 2020/21. There is a total of £1,750 which can be awarded through the scheme. The grant scheme is open to community groups and organisations who meeting the Council's Grants and Donations Policy.

The deadline for applications is Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2020. For more information about the Grants and Donations policy or if you wish to apply for a grant please contact the Town Clerk at [townclerk@whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk) or alternatively by phone on 01663 733068 every weekday from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

### Footpaths Through Farmland

The Town Council has received reports from concerned residents about cattle along footpaths which go through farmland. Although there is no legal requirement to put up signs to warn of cattle in a field the NFU recommends the installation of signs to warn members of the public and the Council have written to the NFU regarding this issue. The Council respectfully asks residents when walking through farmland to stick to the footpath and be mindful of farm animals. If residents are walking their dog they should be especially careful of cattle, keep it on a lead and take any dog muck with them. Extra care should be taken during the calving season as cows can be very protective of their young.

## Vision 4 Whaley: The Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan

Thanks to the members of the Town Council and others who helped us with the delivery of postcards to households. As a result, our Community Questionnaire was completed by 873 people. Thanks, everybody.

A summary of the results is being prepared for persons who have registered for the V4W emailing list, the Town Council, HPBC and other interested parties. An article has been prepared for The Review, the free newspaper. Over the next weeks, the Steering Group will be preparing with the Consultant the Policies for the Plan. For further information visit <https://www.vision4whaley.org.uk/>. Here, you will find a link to enable you to sign up to receive our E-newsletter.

## Terracycle Coming Soon!

Acclimatise Whaley will be re-launching the popular Terracycle scheme in the coming months with even more products for you to recycle than before lockdown! Terracycle is a recycling company which has partnered with many popular brands to recycle many packaging items which cannot be put in your domestic recycling bin. Items include: Crisp, nut and popcorn packets, Chocolate and sweet packaging, Biscuit, cake and cracker wrappers, Dental products, Beauty products, Stretchy plastic, Pens (any kind) and Batteries.

The scheme will operate in a new format, where residents bring their recycling to a central location and sort into boxes which can be sent off immediately to be processed. Acclimatise are currently finalising preparations including the venue, launch date and COVID-safe measures.

To find out more including the launch date and venue, please follow Acclimatise Whaley on: Facebook: @acclimatise Whaley or Email: [acclimatisewhaley@gmail.com](mailto:acclimatisewhaley@gmail.com)

## Brookfield Pond Management Committee

The Town Council is planning to restart the Management Committee for the nature reserve Brookfield Pond. If any member of the public wishes to join the Committee to give their views or simply be a part of the pond management please contact the Town Clerk by email:

[townclerk@whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk)

Or Phone: 01663 733068



Brookfield Pond Copyright Dave Dunford

## Whaley 4 Wards

The Town Council would like to thank the dedicated volunteers of Whaley 4 Wards for their excellent work and commitment to making Whaley Bridge a more beautiful place. With current restrictions the volunteers have been working in a Covid secure way and have managed to do numerous improvements such as repainting many of the railings throughout Whaley. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help improve Whaley Bridge why don't you consider becoming a volunteer. If you are interested please contact the Town Clerk on [townclerk@whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@whaleybridgetowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01663 733068.

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