

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) and Biosecurity Awareness

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) are becoming increasingly widespread in the UK, threatening ecosystems and in some cases public health. It is important to be able to recognise INNS and act to help prevent their spread, such as through employing biosecurity techniques. This one-day course has been designed to build invasive species awareness of candidates working across different sectors and industries and to give them an understanding of the appropriate practices should they be encountered.

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at anyone employed, considering employment or with an interest in working outdoors.

Aims of the course

- Delegates will be able to identify common invasive plant species;
- Understand the environmental, financial, cultural and social threats posed by invasive species;
- Know what to do if invasive species are encountered whilst working.
- Practical knowledge of how to apply biosecurity measures personally, as well as to vehicles and equipment.
- Understand how to dispose of infected waste.

What will you learn?

By the end of the course delegates will:

- Be familiar with what invasive species are and why they are a problem;
- Be able to identify common invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, giant hogweed, Himalayan balsam in the field, Oak Processionary Moth and Asian Hornet.
- Understand the key legislation that relates to invasive species and how it is relevant to your work;
- Be aware of the health and safety precautions related to some invasive species;
- Know what to do if you find an invasive species onsite whilst undertaking your work;
- Understand the importance of biosecurity measures and how to implement them;
- Be aware of environmental, financial, cultural and social costs of poor biosecurity;
- Be aware of legal measures relating to biosecurity, and how to check planting stock is sourced responsibly;
- Be able to apply good personal, equipment and vehicle biosecurity and create a biosecurity kit.

How will you benefit?

- Ability to identify invasive species early and factor in mitigation practices into plans;
- Reduce risk and improve health and environmental performance within your organisation or as an individual;
- Protect your industry from threats associated with new pests and diseases spreading through the country;
- Engage and motivate yourself or your team by enhancing environmental knowledge.

What will you receive?

All delegates will be issued with a workbook, and certificate of attendance upon completion of this Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) and Biosecurity Awareness Course.

The instructor

The course is delivered by Lottie Miles, a PCA Certificated Surveyor of Japanese knotweed with a number of years' experience in managing invasive species. Maydencroft won the PCAs Contractor of the Year for Invasive Weeds award in 2022.

The facilities

Courses are held at our offices outside Windsor and Hitchin. Both locations are in rural locations but within 5 miles of train stations and have plenty of parking.

Tea and coffee will be available during the day. There will be a break for you to eat your own lunch.

If you have more than 6 people to train, we can come to your own venue.

Other similar courses

- Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) Awareness (one day)
- Ecology Awareness Level 1 (one day)

Cost

£120 + VAT per person

Contact and booking details

To book this Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) Awareness Course, please contact:

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