



The Dee Invasive Non-Native Species Project

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The Dee INNS Project.

A **catchment-wide partnership** initiative which aims to **co-ordinate** the control and monitoring of Invasive Non-Native Species within the Dee catchment to ensure a **joined up** approach to INNS management is delivered.



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What's currently happening in the Catchment?

North Wales Wildlife Trust are carrying out a survey of the extent of Chinese Mitten Crab in the Dee

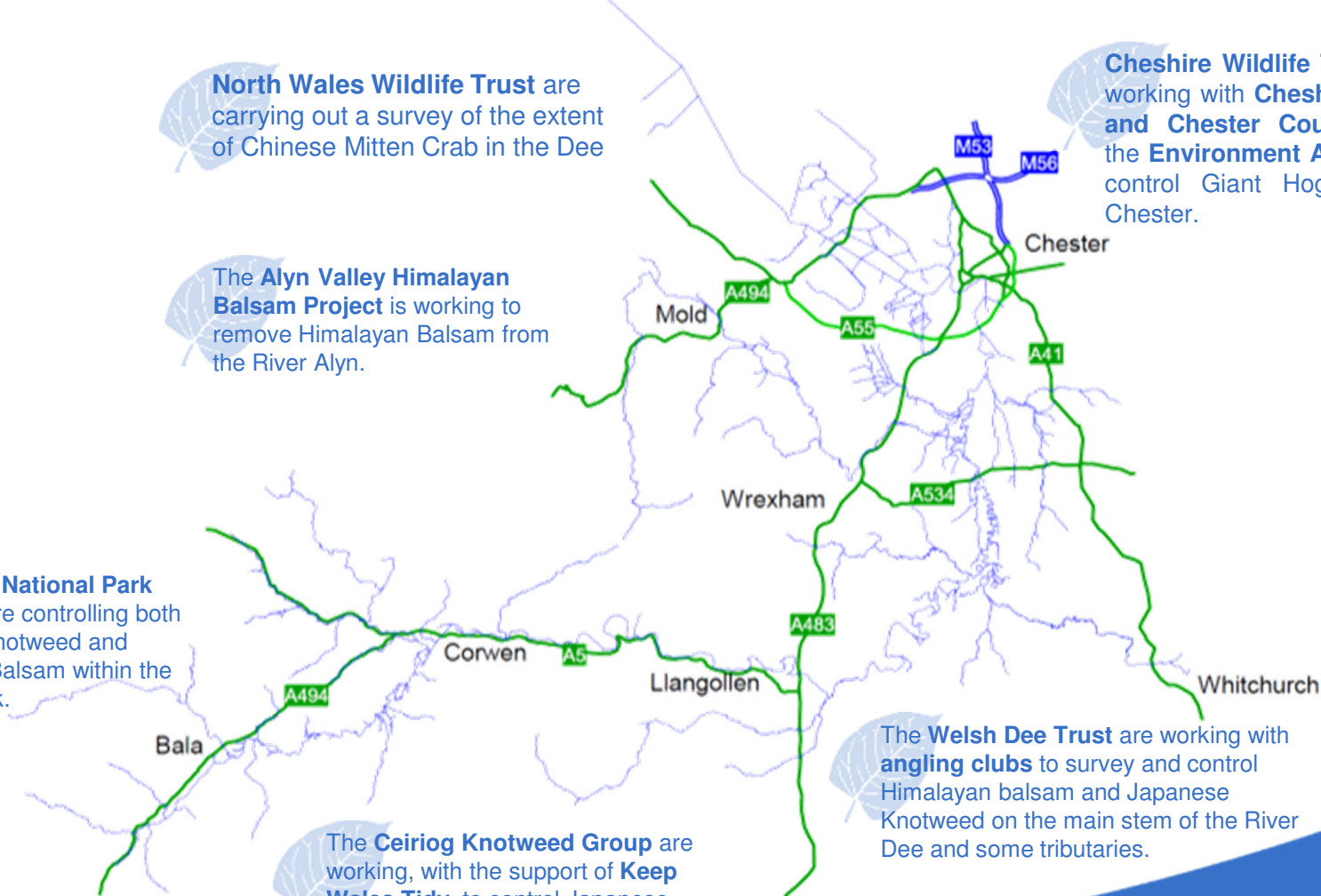
Cheshire Wildlife Trust are working with **Cheshire West and Chester Council** and the **Environment Agency** to control Giant Hogweed in Chester.

The **Alyn Valley Himalayan Balsam Project** is working to remove Himalayan Balsam from the River Alyn.

Snowdonia National Park Authority are controlling both Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam within the national park.

The **Welsh Dee Trust** are working with **angling clubs** to survey and control Himalayan balsam and Japanese Knotweed on the main stem of the River Dee and some tributaries.

The **Ceiriog Knotweed Group** are working, with the support of **Keep Wales Tidy**, to control Japanese Knotweed on the upper Ceiriog.





Future priorities?





How can you get involved?

-  Become a Volunteer River Guardian
-  Send in your INNS Records
-  Help us control INNS
-  Form a Local Action Group



Volunteer River Guardian Network

- 🍃 A network of volunteers across the catchment
- 🍃 Look after a 'patch' of river
- 🍃 Get access to training
- 🍃 Our eyes and ears on the ground









INNS Recording

- 🌿 All records are important
- 🌿 Send to Cofnod or Me
- 🌿 Photographs help us verify quickly
- 🌿 Use an App such as *That's Invasive*









INNS Control

-  Pull Himalayan Balsam
-  Get herbicide training
-  Hold an event during Big Dee Day
The Invasion 2014
-  Team building days





Local Action Groups

-  Control INNS
-  Raise Awareness
-  Access to funding
-  Vitally important for longevity





Why is Biosecurity Important to the DINNS Project?

- 🌿 Slow down spread within the catchment
- 🌿 Prevent new invasions
- 🌿 Protect sensitive habitats





DINNS Biosecurity Action

- 🌿 Biosecurity Risk Assessment
- 🌿 Biosecurity Action Plan
- 🌿 Biosecurity Workshops
- 🌿 Biosecurity Packs





Thank you!

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