

Himalayan Balsam Removal

Date: Monday 16th June

Himalayan Balsam basing again, and luckily, just managing to catch it before it all starts to flower too. Today we were at our final test area - Barrow Beach, which is the canoe launch area just by Barrow Weir. There were a few strips of balsam beginning to establish there, in the area between the backwater at the towpath, so hopefully we've managed to stop that before it gets too large.

We also went back to One Man Bridge to see how the areas we pulled up last week were drying out - there was so much of it. Well, it's drying out very nicely and this weeks hot weather should see it completely cooked! While we were there we started another area on the opposite side of the path - running alongside the river. Again a dense established area which we were able to pull almost fully out before the heat of the day got the best of us.



The team at Barrow Beach – Karen, Brian, Nick, Kathryn and Ian



Barrow beach cleared and the area between Barrow beach backwater and the towpath





Another area at One Man Bridge pulled. Next Event: Monday 23rd June 2pm, entrance area to Barrow Boating