

Awareness Raising in The New Forest

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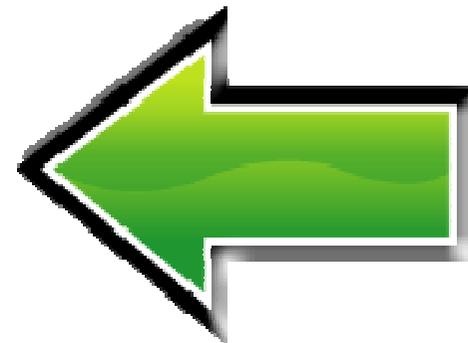
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Location of The New Forest







DOWN THE GARDEN PATH

Weeding Out Alien Species

By Peter Hargrave, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

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24 THE JOURNAL, Sat 6 2009

RURAL VIEW

Waging war on foreign invaders

Focus on the community



Animal Health
with Eddi Wemyss
Group
Simon Langford MRCV talks about the benefits of microchipping your pet

EVERY year more than 300,000 family pets get lost or go missing. We bring a microchip implanted in quick and simple - just like an ordinary injection.

Once it's done, it lasts a lifetime, so if you lose your pet you can get it back. A microchip is hardly bigger than a grain of rice and is designed to fit comfortably under your pet's skin in the neck, making it invisible and unable to be removed with any pain. Every day has a unique ID code, which is the key to your pet's details - including your name, address and phone number.

Once the chip has been placed, there's nothing else to do - unless you get your pet's details.

If you have more than one animal, a lifetime and local authorities have microchip readers, so when you take your pet to the vet, they can read the chip's code. This identifies your pet as a secure database, where all the details are registered.

The database is searchable and takes a mere 356 days a year. There's just a simple case of going to the vet.

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Hemlock water-burrows

American skunk cabbage

New Zealand piggy weed

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Forest fight-back against plant invaders targets root cause

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- **Guidance for planners**
- **Promotion of national campaigns
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Hampshire County Council Highways Department 10 July 2012



Highways Agency Consultants 23 July 2012



New Forest District Council 7 November 2012



Himalayan balsam
Impatiens glandulifera



Giant hogweed

Heracleum mantegazzianum



Japanese knotweed

Fallopia japonica



Fishermen and anglers

12 February 2013



Parrot's feather
Myriophyllum aquaticum



Control of *Crassula helmsii*
New Zealand pygmyweed
20 March 2013







Horticulturalists

11 September 2013



American skunk cabbage
Lysichiton americanus











Local Authority countryside managers 28 October 2013



workshop – encouraging community engagement, volunteering and citizen science 19 March 2014





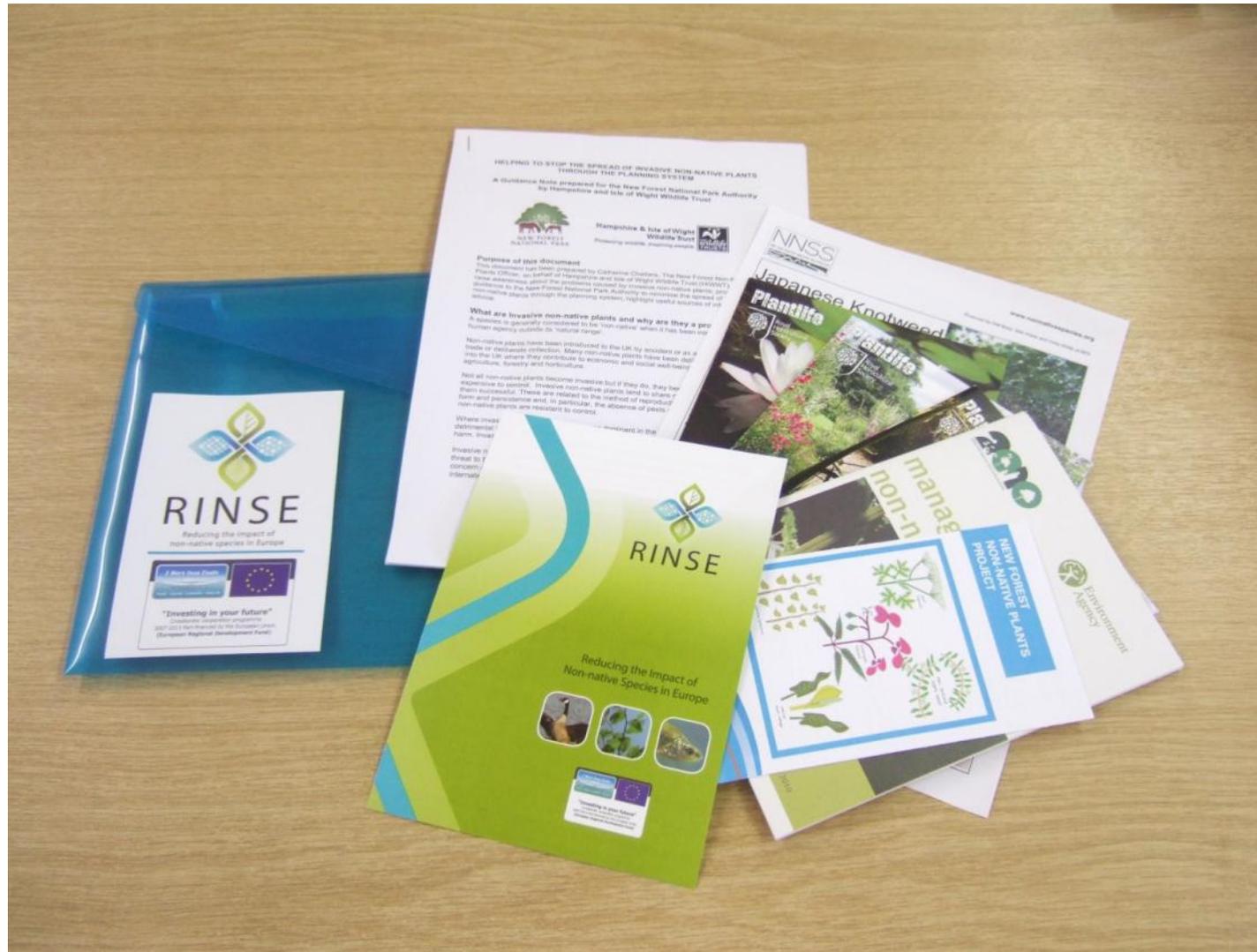








Guidance for planners



Promotion of national campaigns 'Check, Clean, Dry'



Promotion of national campaigns 'Be Plant Wise'





Simon
Assistant Team Leader

BE PLANT WISE

DID YOU KNOW
Invasive aquatic plants can damage our ponds, waterways and the environment?
Find out how you can become plant wise today.

KNOW
WHAT YOU
GROW

COMPOST
WITH CARE

STOP
THE SPREAD

NNS RAN MFA Plantlife Natural Scotland
England: www.direct.gov.uk/beplantwise
Scotland: www.scotland.gov.uk/beplantwise

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