

### The Problems

<p><b>Giant hogweed</b> seeds get caught in the boots of a hiker.</p>	<p>An unwanted pet, a <b>goldfish</b>, is released into a local river.</p>
<p><b>Himalayan balsam</b> seeds get stuck in dog paws after walking in the countryside.</p>	<p>An angler uses <b>American bullfrog</b> tadpoles for fishing bait.</p>
<p>Cyclists ride through broken <b>Japanese knotweed</b> plants, catching plant fragments in their tyres.</p>	<p>Neighbours exchange potted plants not realising <b>New Zealand flatworms</b> are in the soil.</p>
<p>Garden waste containing <b>Russian vine</b> dumped in layby at site of road.</p>	<p><b>Raccoon</b> escapes from a private pet collection.</p>
<p><b>New Zealand pigmyweed</b> attaches to propeller of canal boat.</p>	<p>Ships arrive in port with <b>Killer shrimp</b> in their ballast water, which they dump in the river.</p>
<p>Sailing boat launches into loch with <b>Zebra mussels</b> stuck to hull.</p>	<p>Competitors in a triathlon race run through mud and pick up <b>Rhododendron</b> seeds on their shoes.</p>
<p>Anglers snag <b>Curly waterweed</b> plant fragments on their waders.</p>	<p><b>Asian hornets</b> arrive in GB in imported bunches of flowers.</p>
<p>Chef stocks local river with <b>Signal crayfish</b> so she can use them for cooking.</p>	<p>Gardener clears out garden pond and puts pond plants, including <b>Water primrose</b>, into council green bin.</p>

## The Preventions

Check and clean your shoes and boots after being in countryside.	Put in place tighter biosecurity measures for imported soil, flowers and fruit.
Check and wash your dog paws after going for walks.	More information needed for gardeners about how to 'Compost with Care' and not put invasive plants into recycling compost bins.
Always hose down bikes when you get home from off-road cycling.	Raise awareness about responsible pet ownership and not releasing exotic animals into rivers.
Promote good advice for gardeners so people know not to fly tip garden waste.	Never use live non-native baits when angling.
Ensure canal boats are cleaned before moving between canals.	Check all potted plants, give away only cuttings, seeds or bare rooted plants.
Ensure boat wash stations available at boat slipways and launching sites so they can be cleaned before being launched into different lochs.	Need to stop animals from zoos and private animal collections from escaping – tighter licences needed on keeping exotic animals.
Check and clean your waders and fishing gear at the river before travelling home.	Treat all boat ballast water with chemicals or ultraviolet light to kill any invasive species.
More activities to raise awareness with the public of dangers of introducing non-native species into rivers.	Event organisers put in place event biosecurity plans and provide wash stations for cleaning running shoes, bikes and wetsuits.