

**'ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, VOLUNTEERING AND CITIZEN SCIENCE IN THE CONTROL OF INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES'**

**A ONE-DAY WORKSHOP  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014  
AT BROCKENHURST VILLAGE HALL, HIGHWOOD ROAD, BROCKENHURST,  
HAMPSHIRE, SO42 7RY, UK**

**HOSTED BY  
THE NEW FOREST NON-NATIVE PLANTS PROJECT  
RINSE (REDUCING THE IMPACT OF NON-NATIVE SPECIES IN EUROPE)**

Volunteers play a very important role in the control of invasive non-native species by recording their distribution, undertaking practical management and monitoring the success of measures taken to stop the spread of invasive non-native species. This one-day workshop is an opportunity to find out how volunteers are helping Local Action Groups including the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project and the Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative, to discover what motivates volunteers and to hear how volunteers can get involved in 'citizen science' projects.

The workshop will be held in the Exhibition Room on the first floor of Brockenhurst Village Hall. The venue is easily accessible via public transport, being within walking distance of Brockenhurst railway station, and there is plenty of room to park cars.

Places are limited and **booking is essential**. To book a place please contact Catherine Chatters, New Forest Non-Native Plants Officer by 31 January 2014 at [Catherine.Chatters@hiwwt.org.uk](mailto:Catherine.Chatters@hiwwt.org.uk) or telephone 023 8042 4205.

## **PROGRAMME**

10.00 – 10.30 Registration and coffee

10.30 – 10.40 Welcome and 'domestics'

### **SESSION 1 FOCUS ON PRACTICAL CONTROL**

10.40 – 11.10 Volunteer involvement with the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project - Catherine Chatters, New Forest Non-Native Plants Officer, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

11.10 – 11.20 Questions to Catherine

11.20 – 11.40 Motivation of volunteers - Dr Steven Jackson, Principal Lecturer, Southampton Solent University

11.40 – 11.50 Questions to Steven

11.50 – 12.10 A volunteer's perspective - Derek Tippetts, Voluntary Ranger with the Forestry Commission

12.10 – 12.20 Questions to Derek

/Cont....

## SESSION 2 FOCUS ON 'CITIZEN SCIENCE' AND RECORDING

12.20 – 12.50	OPAL (Open Air Laboratories) - speaker from Imperial College (name to be confirmed)
12.50 – 13.00	Questions
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 14.20	Living Records - Sam Stork, 'Source to Sea' Project Manager, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
14.20 – 14.30	Questions to Sam
14.30 – 14.50	Involving volunteers in plant recording - Martin Rand, Botanical Society of the British Isles' Recorder for South Hampshire and committee member of Hampshire Flora Group
14.50 – 15.00	Questions to Martin
15.00 – 15.15	Comfort break
15.15 – 15.35	Development of the RINSE app – Michael Sutton-Croft, Co-ordinator of Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative and RINSE Technical Officer
15.35 – 15.40	Questions to Michael
15.40 – 16.00	Citizen Science, focussing on RISC - Recording Invasive Species Counts - Helen Roy, Ecologist, Biological Records Centre
16.00 – 16.10	Questions to Helen
16.10 – 16.20	Closing remarks
16.20- 16.30	Complete evaluation forms
16.30	Depart

**The New Forest Non-Native Plants Project is a partnership project hosted by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**

Funding towards this event has been provided by RINSE  
(Reducing the Impact of Non-native Species in Europe)

which brings together nine partner organisations from four European countries (UK, The Netherlands, France and Belgium) to pool resources and knowledge across borders, to share best practice and adopt strategic approaches to tackle the threats posed by invasive non-native species. For further information about RINSE please see the website [www.rinse-europe.eu](http://www.rinse-europe.eu)



Volunteers with the New Forest Non-Native Plants Project hand-pulling Himalayan balsam and recording the distribution of American skunk cabbage