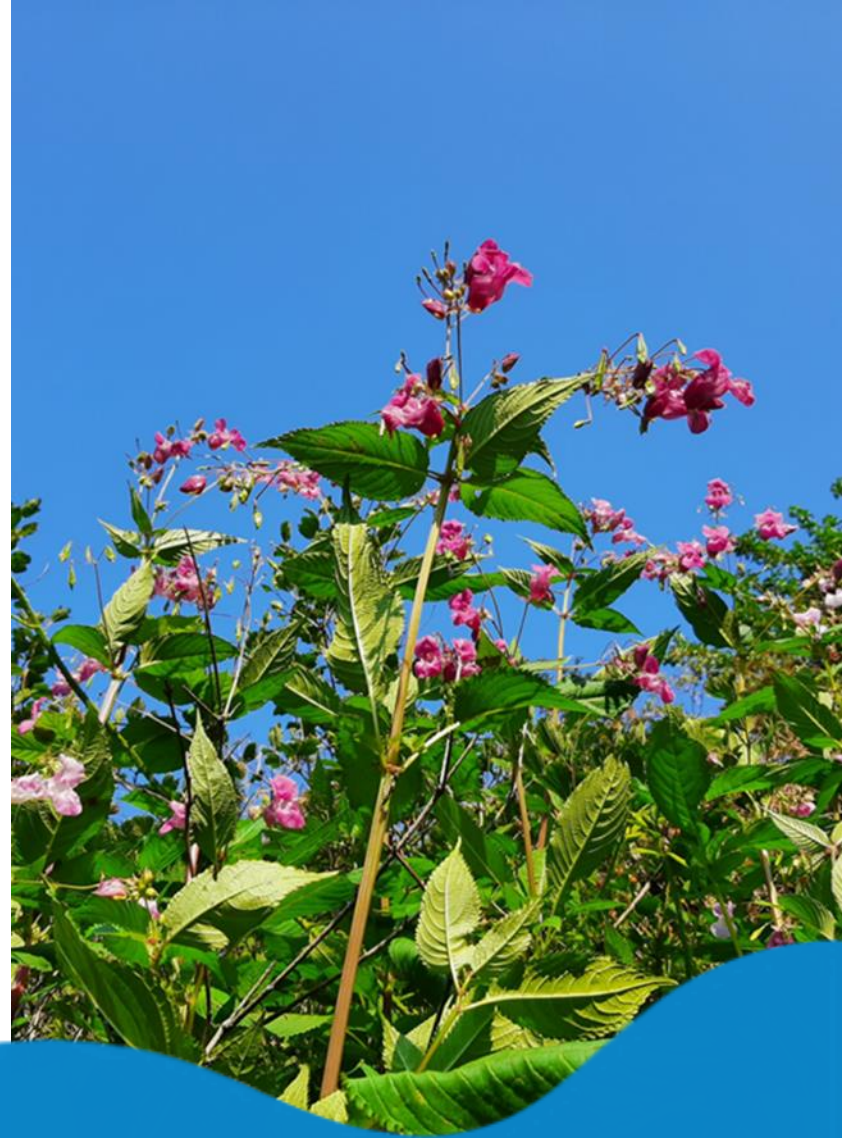




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# The Sheffield Rivers Invasive Species Management Project “Balsam Bashers”



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Environmental contracting company

- **Maintenance and restoration works** on rivers and uplands around Yorkshire.



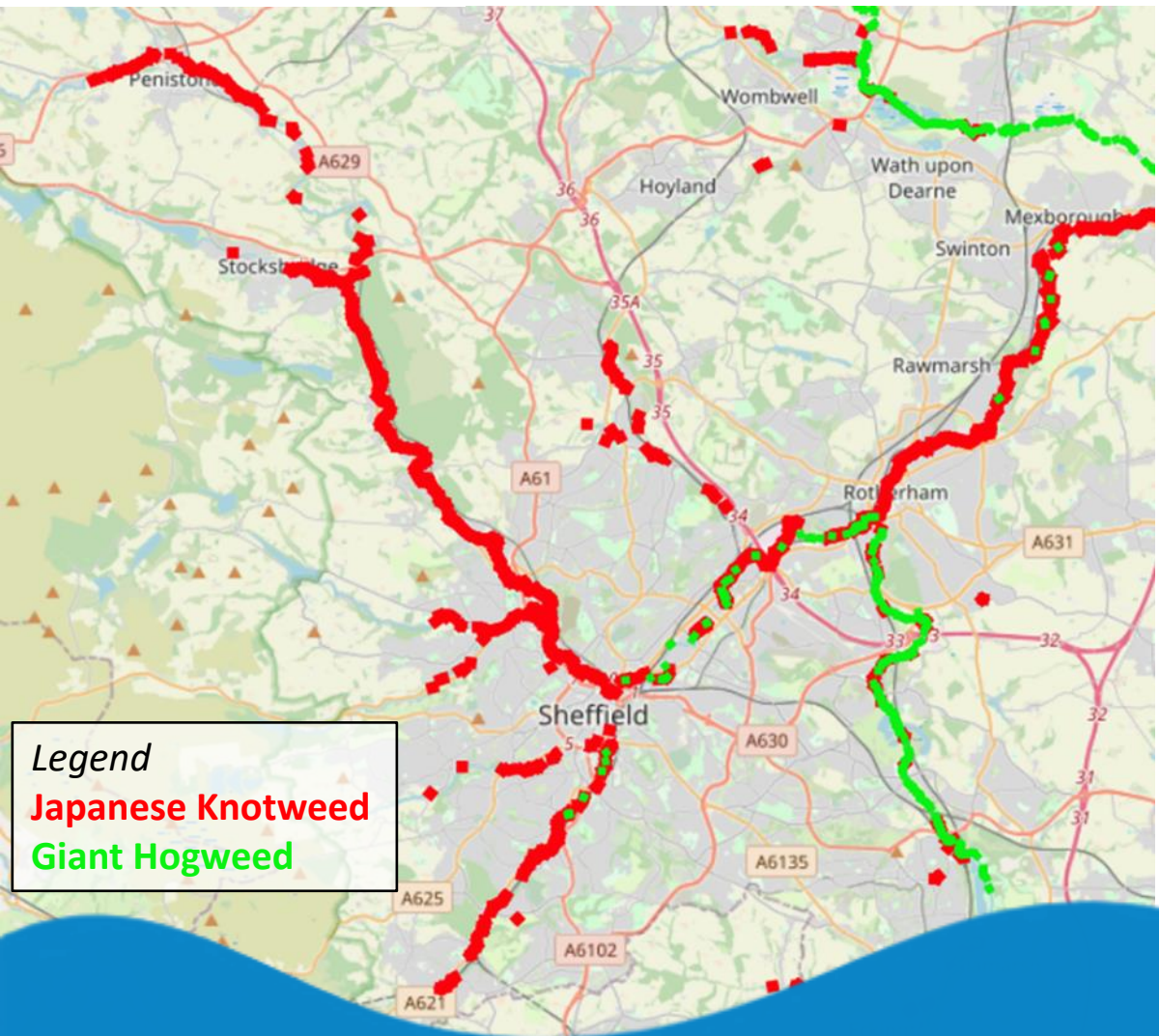
Community Interest Company

- Works with **local volunteers and community groups.**
- Balsam Bashers project



# Invasive Species Control across Yorkshire

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**Legend**  
Japanese Knotweed  
Giant Hogweed





## Balsam Bashers

The focus will be on assisting **community groups** with the **management of Himalayan balsam** across the **rivers of Sheffield**

aim:

- **controlling** the spread, **reducing** the abundance or **eradicating** the non-native species Himalayan Balsam.

secondary aim:

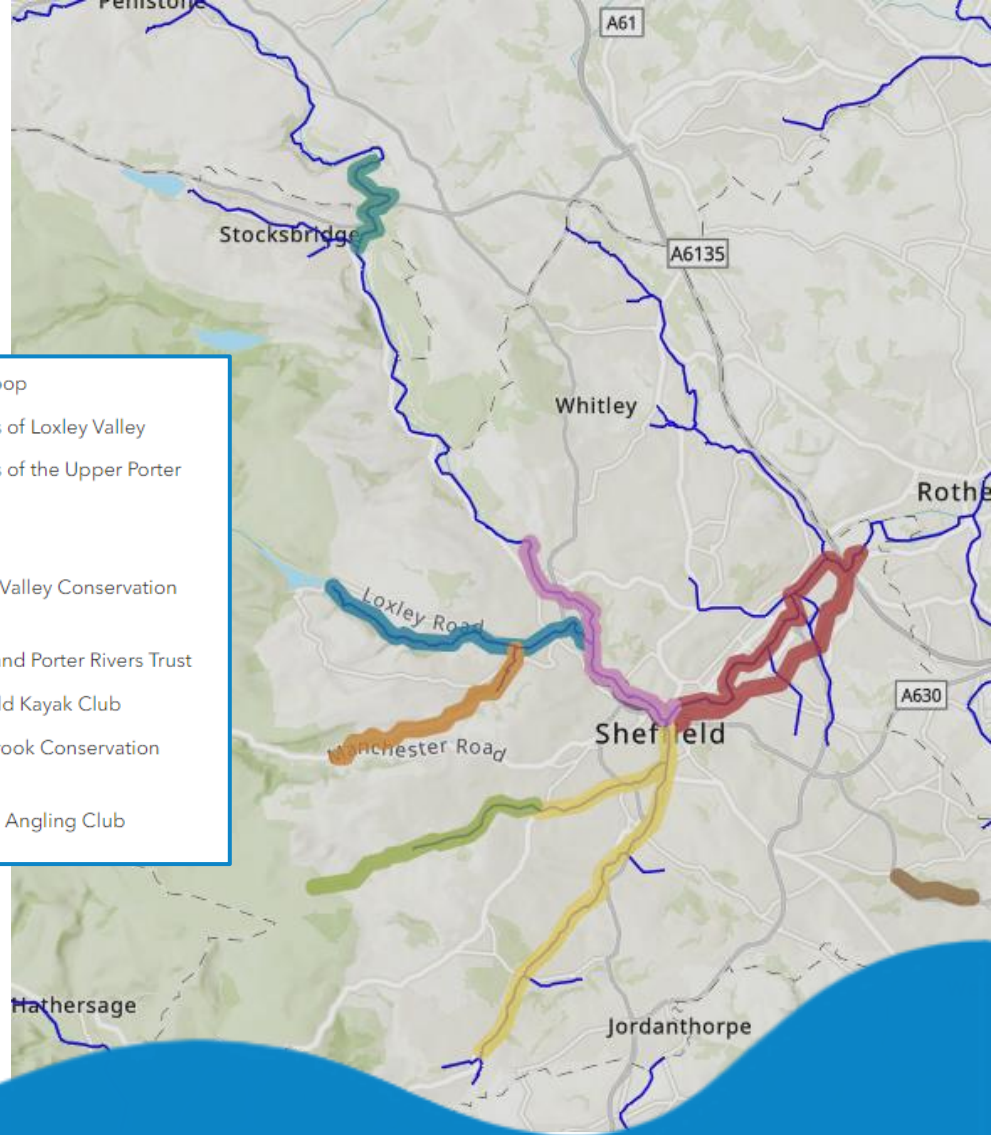
- contributing to effective management of Japanese Knotweed.





## How?

- Work with and support **least 8 community groups.**
- Provide **training and equipment** for local riparian volunteer groups to carry out management safely and effectively.



## Training Offered

**Safe Working Near Water**  
Externally accredited  
qualification.

**Practical training**  
covering:

- **Identification and control** of Himalayan balsam through hand pulling.
- **Monitoring and mapping** including Japanese Knotweed.
- **Biosecurity**



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## Material Support Offered

- **Biosecurity 'kits'** for each community group being supported.
- **Fixed point photography** posts to be installed at sites determined by community groups.
- **PPE** for participants where necessary.



# Timescales

Before April	Throughout 2024	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training for community groups to be delivered.</li> <li>• All biosecurity kits to be provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed point photography posts to be installed (before starting balsam pulling activity).</li> <li>• Carry out community <b>'Balsam Bashes'</b>.</li> <li>• Survey and map distribution.</li> <li>• Ongoing support to groups.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding ends.</li> </ul>



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