

## Here it comes again

Himalayan Balsam is a pretty pink plant but it is very invasive. The first photo below was taken yesterday and the photo alongside it is what it looked like last year by 23rd May. It is very rampant. It begins to flower early/mid July and then it will be hard at work, popping and spreading its seeds well into August (last photo).

You can pick it quite easily now when you see it - just make sure that you remove it sufficiently that it is not able to take root again. You can read more about Himalayan Balsam and our efforts to remove it last year on our website [shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk](http://shamleygreenenvironment.co.uk) - under News 2021

SGEG plans to contact everyone who got involved in working parties last year and also those who have offered to help in the future or are on our mailing list. If anyone else would be interested in taking part please get in touch via our website. It would be great if we can keep it under control.

We will start removing the Balsam on the verges and around the streams on Norley Lane. Please take note of areas where you see a lot of it.

Here are some proposed dates for working parties  
Weekday evenings - June 21<sup>st</sup> July 22<sup>nd</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Weekend date - 17<sup>th</sup> July

There will also be the opportunity to sign up for this and other activities such as autumn planting and toad patrol at our stall at the SG fete.

