

We are putting in a bid to NWL Branch Out fund for invasive species work over the next three years.

This will include balsam targeting upstream seed sources but also SSSIs just above Hexham.

The other key focus will be giant hogweed in the Hexham to Wylam area (and also any that we find upstream that we don't currently know about).

Funding permitting, we can also look at knotweed.

Partnership working is key in the bid and it would be great to be able to put the East Tynedale Parish and Town Councils down as partners?

We have some match funding but if the Forum members could provide some finance it would create a stronger bid.

In return for finance it would mean that we could come and deal with any hogweed that we come across in the Forum area for the next 3 years.

Unfortunately, there is quite a tight closing date of the end of August.

Do you think this sounds a possibility?

Happy to meet and talk it through with you, other members in the next few weeks,

Sorry again for missing the last meeting but this has only come up in the last few weeks,

Cheers
Graham (Tyne Rivers Trust)

Further information:

TRT is applying to 'NWL - Branch Out' for approx., £20,000 over three years, with a total project cost of £25,000.

Therefore, £5,000 additional funding is required.

They would like each Council in the Tynedale Area to make a contribution of at least £150/year for 3 years.

The Council is asked to consider approving a letter of support that can be included with the application as well as a commitment to a level of funding for the 3-year project.