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COMMUNITY - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

# NEWSLETTER

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## WOODLAND TRUST DESTRUCTIVE WEEDS RECYCLING ENERGY IN THE HOME

### Wildlife Trust – Invasive Plants

**Himalayan Balsam** and is now getting into full flower. By the end of August, the flowers will die off and turn to seed pods. When mature the seed pods break open and spread their seed over a wide area helped by the wind. Each plant can produce up to 2500 seeds! I am looking into an important role for Rotary where we help by photographing and reporting to your local Wildlife Trust the locations where the weed exists. This will enable plans to be made for the future for trying to reduce it.



**Japanese Knotweed**, In recent cut-backs aid for people whose land has been invaded by this weed has been reduced or even stopped, putting the whole responsibility for its eradication on the landowner. This weed can demolish buildings and its root system grows very rapidly. Any sighting of this should be notified to your Local Authority.  
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE IT



### Woodland Trust

The closing date for autumn applications is **3 September 2015**, or upon full subscription. **Free Trees for communities and schools will be delivered during the first week of November.**



This application closing date may be brought forward, so if you are interested in a tree planting scheme, **apply as soon as possible** to avoid disappointment! For more information, see the Woodland Trust web site and click onto Community Trees for full information. Packs of between 30 and 420 may be ordered by completing a simple form. There are packs to suit all needs including small copses, hedging as well as woodlands.

### RSPB Birdfair is due to be held at the Rutland Water Nature Reserve 21-23 August

To buy tickets (£13.50 per day) go to [www.birdfair.org.uk/buy-tickets](http://www.birdfair.org.uk/buy-tickets)  
Proceeds go to stop illegal bird trapping in the Mediterranean.

### Energy in the Home

A new in-depth paper has been produced by one of our members, Keith Tovey. It is now on our web site and makes very interesting reading. As the author of the Fracking paper, I have asked him to make this into a Power Point Talk which will be able to be used by Clubs as a talk at their weekly meeting. Hopefully I will have more news on this next month.

### Recycling Bicycles

Can you collect up to about 50 unwanted bicycles? If so, contact the Margaret Carey Trust and they will be pleased to come and collect them from most parts of the U.K.

### Hospital Equipment

There are various organisations who arrange to transport unwanted equipment to the many needy areas of the world who cannot afford to buy urgently needed equipment.

### Computers

Computers are needed for schools abroad. The Turing Trust is one of several organisations who specialise in these and also offer a confidential computer wiping scheme.

### Climate Change Debate

Thursday 29 October at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Grove, London SW7 2AR. Subjects for discussion include Carbon Captivity and Renewable Energy.  
[info@earthwatch.co.uk](mailto:info@earthwatch.co.uk)

**LEAFLETS FOR ALL THE ABOVE CAN BE FOUND ON THE ROTARY GB&I WEB SITE** - simply log in to the "For Members section" click on "Service & Our Programs" click on "environment" (its next to Community) and then click "Environment projects"

If you need any help or advice, please contact Terry Knowles, Secretary Of the GB&I Environmental Sustainability Group by e-mail on [TERUNA2@aol.com](mailto:TERUNA2@aol.com) or telephone 01423 525014