

JASON HARKER

CURRICULUM VITAE

Role

Founder and Managing Director of Blue Iris Landscapes Ltd, Japanese Knotweed Expert Ltd and ProHort Ltd.

Areas of Expertise and Experience

Over 20 years' experience in the identification, control and management of Japanese knotweed and other invasive weeds.

One of the first five people in the UK to become a PCA Certified Surveyor of Japanese Knotweed.

Listed in the UK Register of Expert Witnesses as one of five experts in the identification and treatment of Japanese Knotweed.

Extensive experience in the production of management plans and treatment plans for Japanese Knotweed, Bamboo and other invasive weeds.

Over 5 years' experience in the preparation of Part 35 Compliant Expert Witness reports suitable for presentation in court, with experience working for both Claimants and Defendants.

Clerk of the Works experience, including onsite supervision and management of excavations of invasive weeds, alongside suitable removal of waste.

Over 9 years of experience in the identification of trees and completion of arboricultural surveys and reports.

Over 5 years on the panel of horticultural experts for Radio Stoke.

Qualifications

Certified Surveyor of Japanese Knotweed - April 2014 – Property Care Association.

The Control and Eradication of Japanese Knotweed Surveyor's Training Course - March 2014 – Property Care Association.

NPTC Certificate of Competence in the Safe Use of Pesticides - May 2014 – City & Guilds

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BS5837: Tree Surveying and Categorisation - February 2015 – Arboricultural Association

Preparation of Tree Related Mortgage (Homebuyer) Reports – June 2024 - LANTRA

RHS Diploma in Horticulture - August 1997 – Reaseheath College

MCIEEM Accredited – May 2024 – Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management