

Herbicide Application Spring and Summer 2009

There are currently three invasive species being treated on Ashdown Forest.

- Rhododendron ponticum
- Japanese knotweed
- Gaultheria shallon

These species have to be controlled with herbicides to stop them from spreading rapidly across the Forest.

To do this we are using Round Up Pro Biactive because it is an ideal herbicide for use in environmentally sensitive areas because:

- It is a non-residual herbicide, so it does not contaminate water courses.
- It biodegrades rapidly.
- Children, pets and wildlife do not need to be kept out of treated areas.
- It is approved by the Environment Agency for use near water.

However herbicide application is subject to health and safety so please comply with warning signs and avoid areas that are being sprayed by rangers or contractors.

Round Up is safe and does not carry a hazard warning label if however you have any concerns please phone the **Conservators on 01342 823583 or the Monsanto Technical Helpline 01223 849540**