

## Giant Hogweed

There has been an increasing amount of Giant Hogweed found on the network. This plant is injurious because the sap from the plant causes chemical burns, leaving the skin sensitive to sunlight.



To identify Giant Hogweed look out for:

- The large leaves spiky appearance
- The stem is mottled and has spiky hairs

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# Safety Alert



- There are plants like Giant Hogweed including, Common Hogweed, which has smaller, less spikey leaves and the stem is a uniform purple colour and Cow Parsley because of the similar flower head.
- The spread of this plant can be stopped with the use of a herbicide. This treatment may take up to 2 weeks to kill the plant. AS dye will be in the chemical to show the treated plants.

If you see any Giant Hogweed whilst out on the network or have any more questions, please contact the Area 13 Environment Team or send any photos and location details to [Area13Environment@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Area13Environment@highwaysengland.co.uk)

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