

## Invasive Plant Threatens our Salmon and Wildlife

*We need volunteers like you to help protect our rivers*

The River Dee Trust is looking for volunteers to help remove an invasive plant from our river banks to prevent loss of our native plants and animals.

### Japanese knotweed

Japanese knotweed is the most damaging invasive non native plant species in Britain. It out-competes all other plants in the summer but after autumn die-back it exposes bare banks which are highly prone to erosion. Few native insects or animals feed on the plant and its dense thickets are deserts for wildlife. We are looking for volunteers in 2011 to help rid the Rivers Cowie and Carron of this plant.

### By helping you will:

- Protect our native wildlife – plants and animals
- Restore habitat and protect river banks, promoting natural river processes
- Improve instream habitat for fish
- Learn about the rivers and wildlife from the Trust's biologist

### Where

In 2011 the work will be carried out on the Rivers Cowie and Carron, near Stonehaven. In following years work will be extended to the River Dee.

### When

Control work will be carried out in August and September 2011 (weekdays or weekends). Training courses will be arranged for May – June.

### How

The methods are safe and simple and all volunteers are provided with full training and will gain nationally recognised certification (PA1 and PA6) for herbicide use.

If you are interested in helping our rivers contact Adrian Hudson, Biologist ([adrian@riverdee.org](mailto:adrian@riverdee.org) 013398 80411, 07870 824067) or The River Office ([info@riverdee.org](mailto:info@riverdee.org), 013398 80411).

