

Mr Brian Taylor

Curriculum Vitae

Qualifications, training, accreditation

Certificated Surveyor in Japanese knotweed (CSJK) (2016)

Certificate in Crop Protection (2009)

MSc. in Crop Protection (1998)

Higher National Diploma in Amenity Horticulture (1989)

Member of the BASIS Professional Register (since 2009)

Past and present positions

Present position: Director of The Knotweed Company Limited (2010 to present)

Past positions:

Japanese knotweed Manager (Wreford Limited), 2004-2010

Consultant Researcher (Taylands), 1998-2004. *Research field of pesticide spray drift & application variables.*

Grounds Maintenance Manager (Continental Landscapes & Glendale Industries), 1993-1997

Assistant Parks Manager (Thamesdown Borough Council), 1990-1993

Assistant Agronomist (Monsanto), 1990

Summer Assistant Technician (Weed Research Organisation), 1983-85
(*summers only*)

Principal professional specialisms

I specialise in invasive terrestrial weeds and plants (such as Japanese knotweed and bamboo): their identification, control and treatment. I carry out invasive weed surveys for large and small properties. My surveys include producing detailed management plans for domestic properties, commercial properties, construction sites and for environmentally sensitive areas.

Awards, accolades and other professional responsibilities

I am an examiner and marker for the Property Care Association (PCA) CSJK.

I am a member of the PCA training committee.

I was awarded 'Student of the Year' by the PCA for my CSJK exam result in 2016.

Memberships of Professional organisations

I joined the Academy of Experts in 2020 as a Practising Associate Member.

I am a Member of the BASIS Professional Register. As such, I am qualified to offer advice on the selection and use of pesticides.

I am a member of the British Crop Production Council (BCPC) Expert Working Group (Weeds).

The Knotweed Company is a full member of the Property Care Association (PCA) Invasive Weed Control Group.

Published books and editorial roles

I am the lead author of *Invasive Bamboos - Their impact and management in Great Britain and Ireland* (Packard Publishing, 2021).

Research publications

I have authored and co-authored 9 papers on topics relating to pesticide spray drift and application-related matters.

Training, qualifications and accreditation as an expert witness

I became a Practising Associate Member of The Academy of Experts in 2020.

I have attended The Academy of Experts 'Expert Foundation' course, 'Law and Procedure' course and 'Into Court' course (all in 2020). These courses cover aspects of acting as an expert from expert duties to conduct and procedure in court.

I have attended an 'Expert Witness Report Writing Workshop' (Property Care Association, Tutor: Lyndon Alexander) in 2016.

I attend seminars/webinars and updating conferences on all aspects of invasive weeds/plants and pesticide updates through the Property Care Association, the Amenity Forum and BASIS. I also attend updating seminars/webinars through the Academy of Experts.