

Mr James Glaister

Curriculum Vitae

Qualifications, training, accreditation

Certificated Surveyor in Japanese knotweed (CSJK) (Distinction, 2014)

Past and present positions

Present position:

Southern Regional Manager of The Knotweed Company Limited (from 2013)

Past positions:

Freelance Invasive Weed Consultant, 2009

(working for PBA Solutions, PBA Consulting, Environet UK, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors)

Japanese Knotweed Manager/Technical Manager (Wreford Limited),
2004-2008

Principal professional specialisms

I specialise in invasive terrestrial weeds and plants: their identification, control and treatment and the issues they present. 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. I also have a responsibility for Health & Safety within the organisation.

I have given CPD presentations and webinars on a variety of invasive weed topics to environmental consultants, local authorities, property management companies and organisations such as the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Property Care Association (PCA).

Awards, accolades and other professional responsibilities

I am an examiner and marker for the Property Care Association CSJK (since 2015).

I am a member of the PCA Education Committee and the Annual Conference Committee.

I was awarded 'Student of the Year' by the PCA in 2015 for my CSJK exam result.

Memberships of Professional organisations

The Knotweed Company is a full member of the Property Care Association Invasive Weed Control Group. I am very active within the IWCG through my membership of various committees and my role in examining, marking and evolving the CSJK (and other future courses/examinations)

Published books and editorial roles

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

I am a contributor to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' online subscription information portal *isurve*, authoring and periodically updating the entries on Japanese knotweed and giant hogweed (since 2009).

Training, qualifications and accreditation as an expert witness

I became a Practicing 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' through the Property Care Association (Tutor: Lyndon Alexander) in 2016.

I attend seminars, webinars and updating conferences on aspects of invasive weeds/plants through the Property Care Association, the Amenity Forum and ICL Group. I also attend updating seminars/webinars through The Academy of Experts.