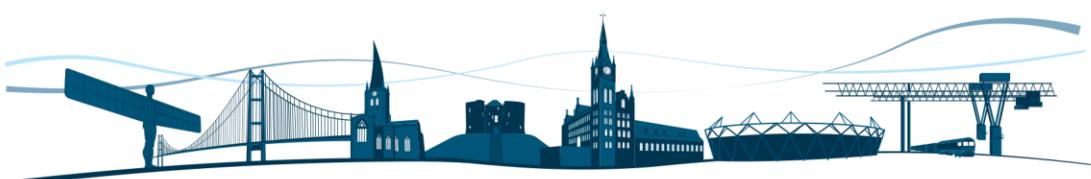


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Giant Hogweed

Know the Risks and Stop It Spreading



Why is Giant Hogweed dangerous?

Giant Hogweed is a tall, fast-growing plant that looks harmless, but it can cause serious harm. Its sap contains toxic chemicals that react with sunlight. If the sap touches your skin and then you're exposed to the sun, it can cause **painful burns and blisters**. This reaction is called *phytophotodermatitis*. The burns can take weeks to heal and may leave scars or long-term skin damage.

This plant is not just a safety risk – it's also **invasive**. That means it spreads quickly and pushes out native plants. Because of this, it's controlled by law under the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**.

Where might you see it?

Giant Hogweed is often found:

- Along rail corridors, roads, paths, and riverbanks
- In areas where vegetation is thick or left to grow wild

How to spot it:

- Grows over 6 feet (2 metres) tall
- Has large white umbrella-shaped flowers
- Stems have purple blotches and stiff white hairs
- Leaves are large and jagged, similar to cow parsley – but don't be fooled

What to do if you spot it:

- Do not touch the plant – not even with gloves
- Take a photo, report it as a Close Call, and tell your line manager
- If safe, cordon off the area to stop others getting too close
- Clean your boots and tools before moving to another site – the seeds stick and spread easily
- Never attempt to cut, strim, or remove the plant unless you've had proper training and it's been planned with environmental specialists

Remember: Even dead plants or dried stems can still cause burns. Always treat suspected Giant Hogweed with caution.



Rail Safety Week

Monday 16th - Sunday 22nd June



Rail Safety Week (RSW) 2025 is a nationwide initiative in the UK, running from Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd June, dedicated to promoting rail safety awareness among industry professionals, passengers, and the wider public. Organised by the Rail Forum, RSW aims to bring rail safety to the forefront of people's minds, sharing best practices and fostering collaboration across the rail sector.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Rail Safety Week, a milestone that underscores a decade of commitment to enhancing safety on the UK's railways. The 2025 edition is set to be the most comprehensive yet, with a range of events and activities planned nationwide.

A highlight of RSW 2025 is the Rail Safety Week Conference, taking place on 18th and 19th June at Rail Live, the UK's largest rail exhibition, held at Porterbrook's Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre. The conference will feature sessions on workforce safety, mental health, and community engagement, with speakers from leading organisations in the rail industry.

Throughout the week, various organisations will host events and initiatives

How to Get Involved:

Individuals and organisations are encouraged to participate by organising local events, sharing safety messages, or utilizing educational resources. The official RSW website offers ideas and materials to support involvement.

For more information and to access resources, visit the official Rail Safety Week website: <https://www.railsafetyweek.org>



Emergency Response

Tests at Cambridge South



Enhancing Site Safety Through Real-Time Practice

An emergency response drill and spill response exercise was recently conducted at the Cambridge South site, reinforcing our ongoing commitment to safety, preparedness and preventing environmental incidents through spills and pollution. The session involved a presentation on health and safety preparedness when it comes to an emergency on site, emergency numbers/CPR and pollution prevention, which focused on spill kit training for knowing the correct response to contain and clean up a spill.

The drill simulated a first aid emergency involving a contractor who had collapsed within the site compound, allowing teams to assess the effectiveness of our emergency procedures, communication protocols, and first aid response times (see photos above). The scenario was carefully chosen to reflect the real risks faced daily on the project. Site-specific fatal risks were integrated into the simulation, including:

- **Delivery of Materials:** With frequent deliveries arriving onsite, the risk of injury from unloading activities or movement of materials remains high. This was reflected in the placement of the incident near an active delivery zone.
- **Plant Movement:** The presence of large mobile plant poses a significant hazard. The test ensured plant operators followed immediate stop protocols and secured their vehicles in the event of an emergency.
- **Traffic Management (Site Compound):** Effective coordination within the site compound is critical. The test highlighted the importance of designated routes and the control of both vehicle and pedestrian movements during an incident.

The Emergency Response test at Cambridge South was a valuable exercise in building resilience, assessing real-world capability, and fostering a proactive safety culture. By incorporating more varied first aid scenarios and ensuring consistent, high-quality refresher training, we strengthen our collective ability to respond effectively in the face of any emergency.



Key Learning/Considerations

More First Aid Scenarios: While the team responded well, it became evident that a broader range of first aid scenarios, such as trauma injuries, crush incidents, or heat-related illness should be included in future drills to better prepare staff for diverse situations.

Annual First Aid Refresher Training: Confidence and competence in administering first aid are essential. The test underscored the importance of mandatory annual refresher training for all first aiders on site, ensuring they remain up to date with the latest protocols and are comfortable acting under pressure.

RAF STEM Event



Morgan Sindall Infrastructure (MSI) is committed to raising aspirations and inspiring tomorrow's workforce by actively participating in STEM events. Colleagues across MSI'S South East projects provide a range of engaging sessions designed to spark interest and participation in an inclusive environment that welcomes and supports everyone.

As part of a developing relationship with the Careers and Schools outreach team at the RAF museum, eight enthusiastic volunteers from the Morgan Sindall team engaged participants with an exciting variety of STEM activities at the Forces in STEM event this April.

Around 1,000 attendees had the opportunity for their problem-solving skills to be tested with a LEGO bridge building challenge, and to learn from the experts about Safety, Health and Environment with a fun Hazard Spotting game. 360 Headsets gave aspiring young engineers a sneak-peek at our Roof Renewals Project at Liverpool Street Station.

MSI were joined by an equally enthusiastic team from sub-contractors, Flannery, who offered hands-on training with their Tenstar Simulator, drawing eager participation from attendees.

It was a great opportunity for the team to talk with visitors their own career paths and insights. They engaged in inclusive conversations about the industry with children and their families, some of whom shared that they electively home educate and encounter social barriers linked to neurodiversity.



Students using the Tenstar Stimulator



Morgan Sindall team

Recent Accidents and Incidents

Date of Incident	Portfolio	Project	Location	Type of Incident / Accident	Event Description
11/05/2025 (Late Report 18 Days)	Major Project Portfolio -South	HHR790 - Beaulieu Park: New Station	Beaulieu Park: New Station	Non KPI Reportable Event	Member of NR staff allegedly witnessed subcontractor operatives cutting troughing lids on top of existing troughing. In addition, the sub-contractor operatives were not wearing the correct PPE and there was no JMS Supervisor present at the time
29/5/25	Major Projects Portfolio - North	152120 - Tram Train - Magna New Station	Magna Compound	Route Crime	Break in on site last night, power cables to cabins cut and stolen
1/6/25	Track CRSA	A00129 – East Coast Balfour Beatty	Wrawby Junction	Infrastructure Damage	Tamping damage to switch heating strip on 5784A Pts discovered after works completed.



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