

International Biodiversity Day 2009

At Bridgend County Borough Council



Friday 22nd May 2009
Theme – Invasive Alien Species

Conducted by	Keith Douglas & Daniel Lock
Venue	Bryngarw Country Park
Time	10:00 – 13:00 hrs
Maximum participant number	30 This event is FREE but booking is <u>advisable</u>
Details	This event involves a walk around Bryngarw Country Park first, highlighting the extent of the problem of invasive non-native (alien) species, impacts of these on our natural flora and fauna, benefits and methods of eradication of these invasive species. The walk will take place along the river corridor and there will be discussions on the need to “link-up” the different management strategies as rivers carry the seeds of the “alien species” downstream. The walk will also pass two wild honey-bee colonies providing an opportunity to talk about how the dense stands of Himalayan balsam flowers are more attractive to bees which gorge on these at the expense of our native wildflowers. Following the walk, there will be some Himalayan balsam bashing – i.e., removal of the balsam from a certain area of the park!
Booking and further information	This is an outdoor event, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Contact: Dr Aditee Mitra at Biodiversity@bridgend.gov.uk or 01656 643667



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