

# Mill Lane Invasive Species Project



## What's happening here?

Living in the Garden of Ireland we are no strangers to exotic garden escape plants and other sneaky seeds that have found a very welcoming climate. As you walk the lane you may see our markings to indicate if a tree or shrub is invasive (red) or native (blue). We will then collect survey data and share our findings.

## Why are invasives bad for our local ecosystem?

Invasive species can outcompete our native species and they often at times do not support a healthy ecosystem or biodiversity around them. Mill Lane is a great example of where there is clear evidence of invasive plant species outgrowing native species.

## What can be done about the invasive species on Mill Lane?

Greystones Tidy Towns and the Wicklow County Council are working together to understand the scale of invasives on Mill Lane to inform a remediation plan. Removal of the invasive species on Mill Lane, after nesting season, would be followed by the replanting of those sections with native species. Care will be taken to preserve the marked native species. Conduct your own surveys on walks or at home. Share results at <https://records.biodiversityireland.ie/start-recording>.

## What are some of the invasive species on Mill Lane?



Buddleja  
*Buddleja sp.*



Winter Heliotrope  
*Petasites fragrans*



Old Man's Beard  
*Clematis vitalba*



Alexanders  
*Smyrniurnium olusatrum*



Honey Spurge  
*Euphorbia mellifera*



Cherry Laurel  
*Prunus laurocerasus*

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