

## Giant Hogweed Identification

Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a close relative to cow parsley, but can reach over 3m (10ft) in height. Contact with sap can cause severe skin burns.

Where we are aware of Giant Hogweed on accessible areas of council land, we will treat it chemically or destroy the plant.

Giant Hogweed is often confused with similar looking harmless hedgerow plants, such as Common Hogweed and Cow Parsley.

The information below can act as a guide to identifying Giant Hogweed.



Both Common Hogweed and Cow Parsley are similar in appearance but lack the distinctive size and purple bristles on the stem.

### Cow Parsley

### Common Hogweed



If you see Giant Hogweed on parks or open spaces, or other council land then please report it to [neighbourhoodservicesinbox@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodservicesinbox@bolton.gov.uk) or call 01204 334067.