

Giant Hogweed

Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a close relative of 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 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.



If you see Giant Hogweed on parks or other Bolton Council land then please report it to neighbourhoodservicesinbox@bolton.gov.uk.

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

