



Witches in our village!



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While out and about around the village many of you may have noticed a tall plant with rather attractive pink flowers growing at the road side, and other places, particularly by the river. This might be pretty, but it is a witch dressed as a princess! Despite the beauty of her skirts we need to rid the river bank and roadsides of this foreign invader. Why bother, do I hear you cry? Let me explain. While smiling at you through her mass of pink petals this evil Witch is quickly killing off over 30 species of native plants and robbing many animals and insects of their homes and food. At the end of the year with all the plants dead the river bank is bare and as winter comes the river washes the soil away along with all the homes of the animals living and sleeping near the water.

THIS IS AN ECOLOGICAL DISASTER!!!!

However, do not despair, plans are afoot to halt the invasion, but we will need **YOUR HELP**. As the witch has now sown her seeds for this year we can do nothing until next spring. What can we do about this witch? We need to pull her up by her feet, throw her on the ground, and leave her to die to save our indigenous species and restore the ecology of the parish.

DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION!!!!

John Sanderson.

Some boring facts.

1. She kills all other plants.
2. Grows 1.5 metres tall in 25 days.
3. Regenerates at a rate of 800 to 1 per year.
4. Will cover 100 metres of river bank to a depth of 20metres in one year.
5. Very attractive to bees, so they neglect pollinating other plants.