

**The National Trust for
Scotland**

Arran Ranger Service



The Trials and Tribulations of Rhodie Control



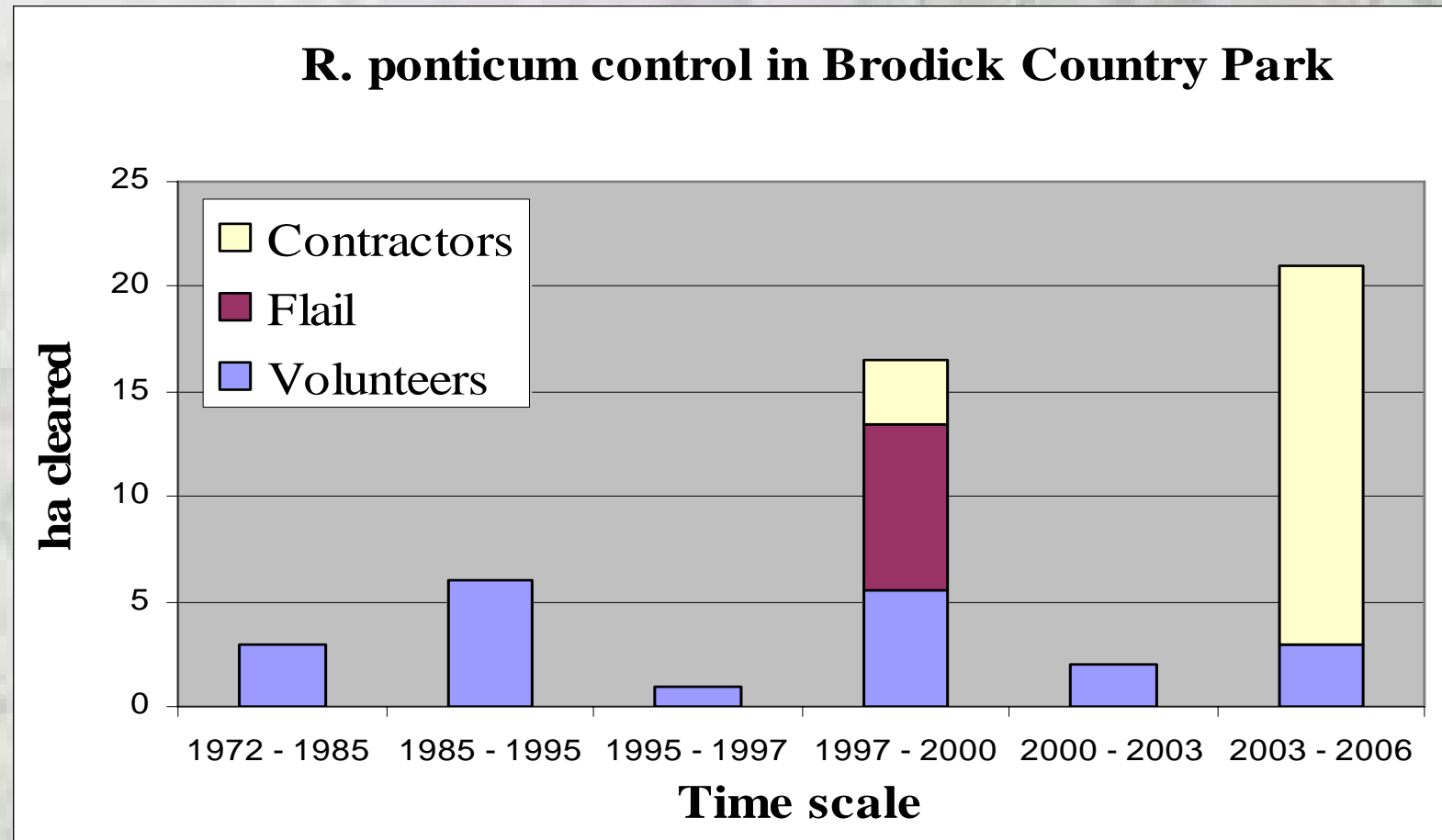




Brodict Country Park Woodlands

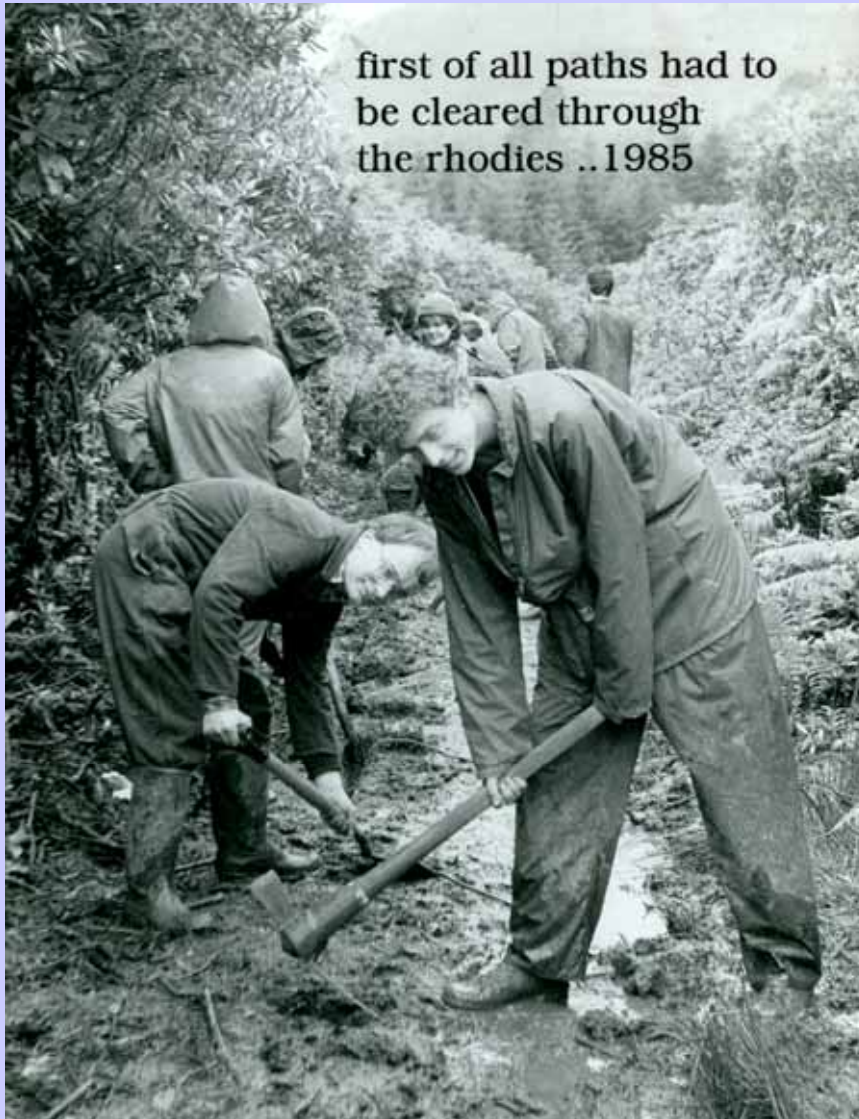
- 22ha formal and informal gardens
- 5ha planted shelter-belt for gardens
- 30ha semi-natural woodland managed for nature conservation

R. ponticum control in Brodick Country Park



TOTAL hectares cleared = 48.5, money spent (not including in-house working and volunteer input) = £42.5k

first of all paths had to
be cleared through
the rhodies ..1985



1985 NTS volunteers

Clearing techniques, old and
new?!



2005 NTS volunteers

Flails are quick and relatively cheap



Cut and burn now, spray regrowth
later.....maybe!



This area was cleared in 1972, 1989,
1999 and.....



....2006

Stump treatment and stem injection works



Stumps treated with 20% glyphosate on day of cutting, winter 2004



October 2006, very little regrowth observed from treated area



If weather is poor, cut stumps can be treated later, but all stems have to be recut

Jan 2006 treatment



October 2006, very little evidence of rhodie regrowth

Large stems can also be stem injected



Spraying regrowth still has its place



1 year regrowth sprayed
with 2% glyphosate in
August 2006



2 years regrowth sprayed
with 2% glyphosate in
Jan 2006



Woodland regeneration, good and bad



Making the most of your rhodies



