

Shock – Horror – Global Warming Arrives In Whittlesey.



National press this week reported that here in Whittlesey Chinese Mitten Crabs were becoming a problem....

The Whittlesey Walkers on Thursday spotted quite a number of such beasts roaming around the Manor Field -

I am very surprised NOT to have received complaints from Joggers or Doggies that the beastie crab had had a nip at them.

This sample here was large the body the size of a mans palm.

It had lost one of its 'claws' but was very active.

*Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is an offence to release or allow the species to escape into the wild in Britain. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said it received reports of the crab in Cambridgeshire and it encouraged people to **report sightings to stop the movement of their eggs.***

*The “**milky disease**” of the Chinese mitten crab, *Eriocheir sinensis*, is a highly lethal fungal disease caused by *Metschnikowia bicuspidata* infection*

Invasive Chinese mitten crabs the size of dinner plates spotted in UK

<https://www.itv.com/news/2023-10-13/invasive-chinese-mitten-crabs-the-size-of-dinner-plates-spotted-in-uk>

Chinese mitten crabs are a **delicacy among some seafood lovers**: deeply savory, with a distinctive tinge of sweetness. Diners crack the shells open and eat the meat piping hot, dipped in rice vinegar and soy sauce with sliced ginger.

Easy way to get rid of the blighter – a swift kick, a swift stamp on the shell – or just let them get on with their mating season.

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Our Tortoises 'Suntan' & 'Timmy' whom we have had for nearly 50 years, and are very 'regular' in their waking up and going to sleep, I keep a record of the dates they wake up and go into hibernation + weigh them.

The latest they have decided to into hibernation is the 3rd week in September, this year due to the mild weather they have only just gone into their box 3 weeks late – the first time ever – we shall have to wait until next year to see if this is becoming a trend.....

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Have you got a story to tell us – please contact me.....Roy G.....