



Golf is a major UK sport with an estimated £10.3 billion turnover. Some 75,000 people are employed in the sector and there are 3.9 million golfers in the UK. Golf course management in the UK is highly regarded across the world.

HOW IS IT DONE?

At the heart of it all is implementing a proper planned approach to weed, pest and disease control. Without maintained facilities the consequences would be substantial economically, environmentally and in social terms.

Taking an integrated approach by adopting proper cultural techniques, applying appropriate agronomy and where possible avoiding problems.

Pesticides used safely and correctly remain a key element in such approaches.

Ensuring properly trained staff are continually kept up to date.

Golf courses are an important part of our natural environment and vital for a range of wildlife habitats. They need to be managed sustainably and effectively.

SOME KEY POINTS

- Whilst all methods of control are and need to be utilised, pesticides remain key to the solution
- Nobody would wish to use a chemical which is unsafe but the current process of authorisation and checking ensures this is not the case.
- Any consideration must be based on proper science & evidence
- The Amenity sector in the UK has led the way in committing itself to best practice & developing an Amenity Assured Standard
- Weed, pest and disease control is both important and essential
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