



Football is a major UK sport. It has a vital role as a recreational activity and a major contributor annually to the national economy and employment across all its many levels. The Premier League in 2015 and its clubs contributed £3.36 billion to the nation's GDP.

HOW IS IT DONE?

Our expertise in pitch management is in demand globally and is highly regarded. Supporters, players and all involved take it as expected that playing surfaces will be of a high standard; indeed if they are not there are many complaints.

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.

Football pitches 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
- Read The Forum's Ten Golden Rules and related material at www.amenityforum.co.uk
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