

## STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

1 BILLION POUNDS A YEAR IN STREET CLEANING COSTS



SAFETY REASONS FOR UPKEEP

SHEFFIELD ALONE HAS 2,000 MILES OF PAVEMENTS

SHEFFIELD HAS 1,100 MILES OF ADOPTED ROADS



Almost every one of us uses streets and pavements every day. It is important that they are kept clean and weeds are controlled principally because of environmental and safety reasons.

### HOW IS IT DONE?

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 who continually keep up to date

Weed control on our streets, pavements and motorways is not just a nice thing to but vital for public well-being, safety and our environment.

Weeds are a part of the process that damages footpaths. Weed growth in kerb channels makes them difficult to sweep, leads to a build-up of detritus and litter encouraging weed growth, creates potential road surface flooding and causes accidents. Unwanted vegetation on streets and pavements makes inspection of safety critical structures difficult and blocks drainage structures. Invasive weeds are a particular problem and pose real human safety and indeed health issues.

### 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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