

KEEPING
THE
TRAINS
RUNNING

25,000
TRAINS
RUNNING
PER DAY

40,000
HECTARES TO
BE
MAINTAINED

CARRYING
1,650
MILLION
PASSENGERS

CARRYING
28,000
MILLION
TON OF
FREIGHT



The importance of keeping rail tracks and the surrounding areas free of weeds cannot be over emphasised. The key is to keep trains running safely, sustainably and on time.

HOW IS IT DONE?

Taking an integrated approach considering all solutions Pesticides used safely and correctly remain key.

A key piece of equipment on lines is the spray train incorporating radiarc spray technology and infrared spray nozzle activation.

Chemical control of invasive weeds and trackside weeds is also vital

Railway tracks, facilities and surrounding areas are part of our natural landscape. It must be maintained with the following key objectives:

- Safety and performance;
- Community and partnership
- Biodiversity
- Biosecurity
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Trains must run whatever the weather and this requires adequate weed control, at the very least in the interests of public safety

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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