



Those responsible for weed, pest and disease control go largely unnoticed but their work impacts on all our lives on a daily basis. They ensure that our journeys to work, the shops, for recreation or any other reason are safe and our environment is protected.

HOW IS IT DONE?

Imagine yourself taking a trip to a sporting event.

You leave home and walk to the bus stop. The pavement you walk on is relatively clear of weeds and safe due to the work of the council staff or their contractors.

You catch the bus and then the train. The train runs on tracks kept relatively clear of weeds; without their control your journey would not be possible.

You arrive early, time to walk through the local park and enjoy the environment. Green space, the children’s play area, the boating lake – an environment at its best but managed to avoid excessive weed growth and disease of danger not just to the balance of nature but to you.

You arrive at the venue ready to enjoy a highly competitive sporting fixture. As you have come to expect the pitch is of a high standard, but do you think “why is that so?”. It does not just happen – it is the result of highly skilled and trained grounds staff.

Proper weed, pest & disease control matters to everyone. It is both important and essential.

SOME KEY POINTS

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.

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. Adopting best practice standards at every level.

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