



KEEPING BRITAIN MOVING

Annual Conference & Exhibition
of the
Amenity Forum

To be held on Thursday, October 12th 2017

BURTON ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Pirelli Stadium, Burton on Trent

Welcome to our annual conference brochure for 2017

We believe that we have once again assembled an excellent range of speakers and an exhibition area to interest everyone with an involvement in the amenity sector

There continue to be many challenges facing the amenity sector in terms of its approach to weed, pest and disease control. The impact of legislation linked to such things as the Sustainable Use and Water Framework Directives is significant as are the cost pressures and other technical challenges. The emphasis is very firmly on adopting integrated approaches and making the most effective use of pesticides. Amenity is in the spotlight. It is important that the sector itself shows it can rise to the challenge and get fully behind best practice and driving up standards. It is important that the sector does this itself and it is not imposed by others and it is important that we stand together in our endeavours. It is also vital that we demonstrate the **important** and **essential** nature of weed, pest and disease management in amenity areas. This conference will seek to address the hot issues, investigate the implications, the approaches available and hopefully find ways in which the challenge can become an opportunity.

The Amenity Forum conference and exhibition has become very much the must attend event for all with an interest in this area with key speakers, wide coverage of the sector and great opportunities to network and share ideas. This brochure provides information on the conference programme, our supporters and speakers.

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4 BASIS CPD points are available for attending this event

MORNING PROGRAMME

0845 Registration Opens

0900 EXHIBITIONS OPEN

Refreshments

0945 Welcome & Introduction - Weed, pest & disease management impacts upon us all

John Moverley, Independent Chairman of the Amenity Forum

Policy & Innovation

0955 Responding to policy change and BREXIT

Grant Stark, Chemicals Regulation Division, HSE

1015 Keeping our cities moving – with a particular focus on the role of weed, pest & disease management

John Parker, Transport for London

1035 Innovation in railway weed control

Tony Saunders, JSD Research & Development

1050 Any questions to previous speakers & Introduction to our supporters

1100 REFRESHMENTS, VISIT TO EXHIBITIONS, NETWORKING

Taking a more holistic approach to weed, pest & disease control

1130 Introduction

Ruth Mann, chair of the Forum's Education & Training Committee

1140 A view from the golf course

Andrew Kerr, Course Manager West Malling Golf Club

1200 Bio Control

David Cary, Executive Director, International Biocontrol Manufacturers Association

1220 The appliance of science

Colin Mumford, Technical Support Manager, Bayer

Research & its application

1240 Biological Control of Himalayan Balsam

Professor Alan Gange, Royal Holloway, University of London

Pride in what we do

1300 Sprayer Operator of the Year Awards – Announcing the winners

1310 Lunch, Visit to Exhibitors and Networking Time

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Pride in what we do

- 1425** The pressures of creating and maintaining high quality football pitches
John Ledwidge, Head Groundsman, Leicester City FC

Weed, pest & disease control – focussing on the facts

- 1445** 2017 Survey of amenity use of pesticides
Dave Garthwaite, FERA
- 1505** Glyphosate – past, present and future
Barrie Hunt, Monsanto

Conclusions

- 1530** What does the future for weed, pest & Disease Management really look like?
Peter Corbett, Rigby Taylor & Mark De Ath, Headland Amenity
- 1550** Depart