

Railways



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

FACTS & FIGURES

25,000 TRAINS PER DAY

19,000 MILES OF TRACK

40,000 HECTARES TO BE MAINTAINED

7 million
PEOPLE
NEIGHBOUR
RAILTRACKS IN
THE UK

1650

Million
passengers



PASSENGERS

HOW IS IT DONE AND WHY?

Taking an integrated approach considering all solutions. However plant protection products used safely and correctly remain a key element in the solution.

An important piece of equipment on rail lines is the spray train incorporating spray technology and infrared spray nozzle activation. These techniques allow specific targeting of the weeds with correct chemical dosage. Chemical control of invasive weeds and trackside weeds is also vital.

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

Safety and performance;
Biodiversity

Community and partnership
Biosecurity

Trains must run whatever the weather and this requires adequate weed control, at the very least in the interests of public safety.

KEY INFORMATION

- ☞ Whilst all methods of management are and need to be utilised, authorised professional plant protection products 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 easy to identify way of ensuring a fully qualified operative is being used, the Amenity Standard. They achieve this through their organisation being a member of a UK approved assurance scheme
- ☞ Weed, pest and disease management is both important and essential
- ☞ The Amenity Forum sets our Golden Rules for Best Practice in the sector - www.amenityforum.co.uk

THE AMENITY STANDARD



The Amenity Standard is a quality management benchmark, to ensure that public spaces are maintained to the highest professional levels; seeking to keep all amenity areas safe and healthy for all to use.

Those amenity organisations that promote the logo show that they have a "licence to practice" and you can have confidence that work undertaken is to best practice standards and fully meet the legal requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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