

Streets and Pavements



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

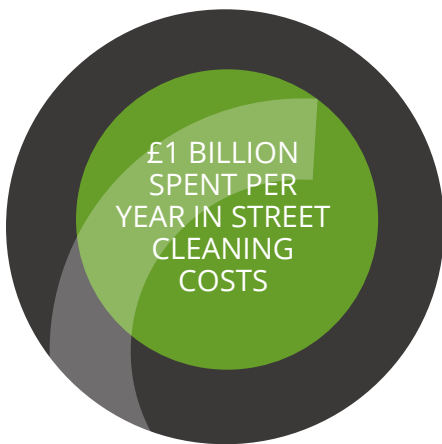
FACTS & FIGURES

139,000 Miles of UK Urban Pavements

360 Miles of streets in London alone

£100 ESTIMATED COST PER ANNUM PER FOOTPATH MILE TO MANAGE WEEDS

2,000 MILES OF PAVEMENT IN SHFFIELD ALONE



Local Council spending on roads in UK is £30 per household per year



HOW IS IT DONE AND WHY?

Taking an integrated approach by adopting proper cultural techniques, applying appropriate agronomy and where possible avoiding problems before they arise. Plant protection products used safely and correctly remain a key element in such approaches.

Ensuring professionally trained staff who continually keep up to date.

Weed management on our streets, pavements and motorways is not just a nice thing to see 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.

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KEY INFORMATION

- ☑ Whilst all methods of management are and need to be utilised, plant protection products generally remain key to the solution.
- ☑ Nobody would wish to use a product 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

All information is provided by the Amenity Forum and is correct at the time of issue. For further information or help please do get in touch – admin@amenityforum.net or visit our website www.amenityforum.co.uk