

UK parks are very important. They provide opportunity for leisure, relaxation and exercise but are also fundamental to community cohesion, physical and mental health and well-being, biodiversity, climate change mitigation and local

FACTS & FIGURES

Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors

27,000

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PUBLIC PARKS & GREEN SPACES IN THE UK

60%

OF THE UK POPULATION REGULARLY USE PUBLIC PARKS

£91 billion
Economic
value of the
parks in
London
alone

2.5 billion
visits to urban
green spaces
each year



HOW IS IT DONE AND WHY?

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

Ensuring professionally trained staff who continually keep up to date. A well-kept and thriving park requires detailed planning and an extensive commitment of both time and expertise.

A well-managed park is not just about appearance and a place to enjoy, it has significant environmental and other benefits. Each area of the park needs to be maintained to be fit for purpose.

To bring all the benefits parks offer, they need to be maintained by professional horticulturalists and grounds staff. Well managed parks do not arise by accident but by the efforts of dedicated staff managing the weeds, pests and diseases, cutting the grass and more. They seek to create safe, healthy and sustainable spaces.

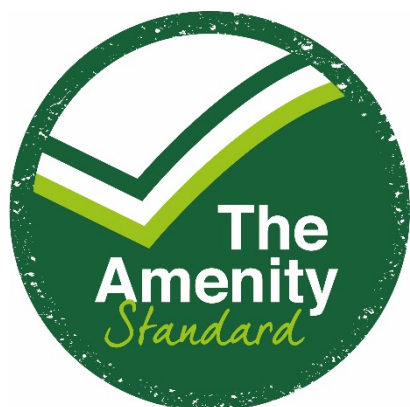
Parks



KEY INFORMATION

- ☑ Whilst all methods of management are and need to be utilised, plant protection products remain an integral element to the overall 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.

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