

Rugby Pitches



FACTS & FIGURES

Rugby, both union and league, is a major UK Sport. It has a vital role as a recreational activity and is a major contributor annually to the national economy across its many levels.

Participation in rugby is widespread across the UK. It is associated with positive quality of life benefits to all layers of society. Watching and playing rugby brings enormous benefits to the UK population in so many ways

£2.5 billion

Economic value to a host nation for a Rugby Union World Cup

60%

Participation in rugby in schools in Wales

£50 MILLION

ticket revenue of the Rugby Football Union

8.5 million

Average television audience for each game in RU Six Nations Competition



HOW IT IS DONE AND WHY?

Our expertise in pitch management is in demand globally and is highly regarded. Supporters, players and all involved take it as expected that playing surfaces will be of a high standard; indeed, if they are not, there are many complaints.

At the heart of it all is implementing a comprehensive planned approach to weed, pest and disease management. Without maintained facilities, the consequences would be substantial economically, environmentally and in social terms.

This is achieved by using an integrated approach and 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.

All staff are professionally trained and should continually keep qualifications up to date.

Rugby pitches are an important part of our natural environment and vital for a range of wildlife habitats. They need to be managed sustainably and effectively.

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KEY INFORMATION

- ☑ Whilst all methods of management are and need to be utilised, plant protection products remain a key element 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

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