

Cricket Grounds



Cricket is an important UK sport and whilst participation has decreased in recent years, public interest and attendances at major events has substantially increased. The quality of our pitches and grounds are highly regarded across the cricket playing nations of the world.

FACTS & FIGURES

350,000 play cricket in the UK

15.4 million

**WATCHED THE
2019 CRICKET
WORLD CUP**

**£175
MILLION**
annual turnover of
England, Wales &
Scotland Cricket
Boards

Cricket is played at
national, county and
village level



CRICKET CLUBS

HOW IS IT DONE AND WHY?

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At the heart of it all is implementing a comprehensive planned approach to managing pitches and cricket grounds, promoting healthy turf and protecting the environment. Part of this requires an integrated approach to weed, pest and disease management. Without maintained facilities, the consequences would be substantial economically, environmentally and in social terms.

All is undertaken using an approach which combines prevention with cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical techniques. Best management practices for cricket pitches are well understood and applied to overcome any problems

Where needed plant protection products are used safely and correctly; this is key to all approaches.

Cricket grounds 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 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. Groundsmen are well educated and manage their pitches to promote healthy turf and a sustainable environment, using as few plant protection products as they can as part of an integrated approach as required by law.
- ☞ 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