Supporting local authorities

How the Amenity Forum can help

Corrina Urquhart, Executive Officer | Amenity Forum

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Who is the Amenity Forum?

Promoting best practice and the safe and sustainable management of weeds, pests and disease

GUIDANCE

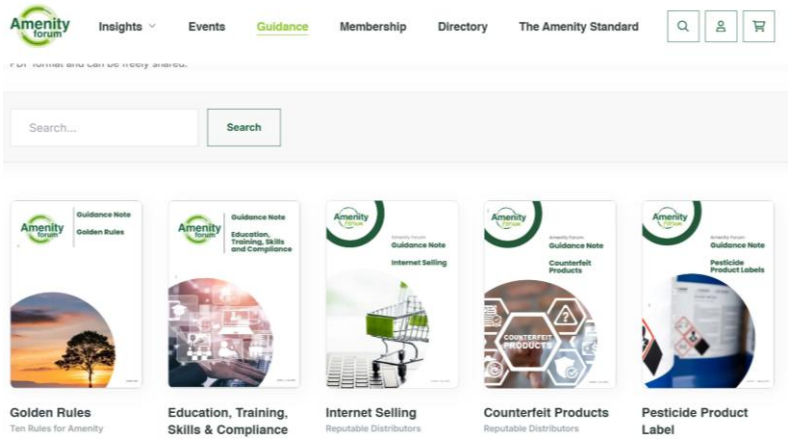
Resources and practical information

EXPERTISE

Connecting contractors, manufacturers, technical specialists, professional bodies and councils

REPRESENTATION

A collective voice in policy and regulatory conversations





Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

HSE Health and Safety Executive

The Voluntary Initiative

Environment Agency

What we've been doing

Recent examples of the Forum in action

RESOURCES

New glyphosate resistance guidance with WRAG

SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

Conference, demonstrations and professional exchange

POLICY & STANDARDS

Contributing to discussions on professional practice & regulation



Health and Safety Executive

Home › Industries › Pesticides › Using pesticides

Code of Practice for Using Plant Protection Products

This Code of Practice is for all professional users of plant protection products in England and Wales in respect of Part III of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (FEPA) and the regulations controlling pesticides, particularly plant protection products (PPPs), under that part of the Act.

What we have been doing – thought leadership


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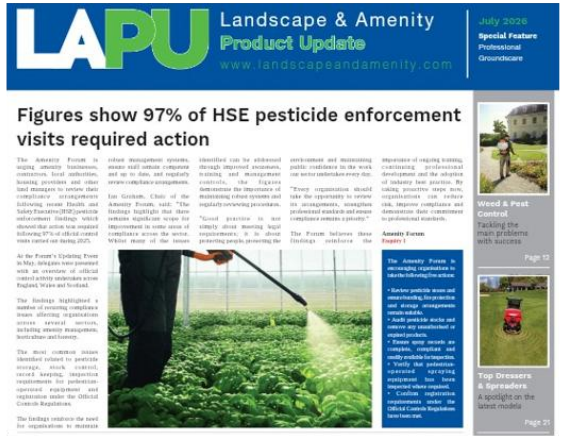
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An Increasingly Important Story To Tell

By the amenity sector

25 May 2026

Corrina Urquhart, executive officer at the Amenity Forum writes …

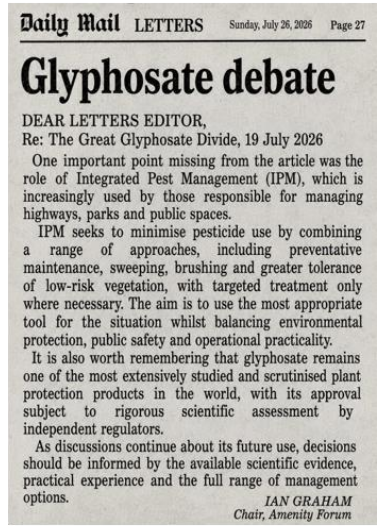

LAPU Landscape & Amenity Product Update www.landscapeandamenity.com

July 2026 Special Feature Professional Groundscare

Figures show 97% of HSE pesticide enforcement visits required action

Weed & Pest Control

Top Dressers & Spreaders


Daily Mail LETTERS Sunday, July 26, 2026 Page 27

Glyphosate debate

DEAR LETTERS EDITOR,
Re: The Great Glyphosate Divide, 19 July 2026

One important point missing from the article was the role of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which is increasingly used by those responsible for managing highways, parks and public spaces.

IPM seeks to minimise pesticide use by combining a range of approaches, including preventative maintenance, sweeping, brushing and greater tolerance of low-risk vegetation, with targeted treatment only where necessary. The aim is to use the most appropriate tool for the situation whilst balancing environmental protection, public safety and operational practicality.

It is also worth remembering that glyphosate remains one of the most extensively studied and scrutinised plant protection products in the world, with its approval subject to rigorous scientific assessment by independent regulators.

As discussions continue about its future use, decisions should be informed by the available scientific evidence, practical experience and the full range of management options.

IAN GRAHAM
Chair, Amenity Forum


HortWeek

'Consistent evaluation' of non-glyphosate weed control needed to help local authorities control weeds

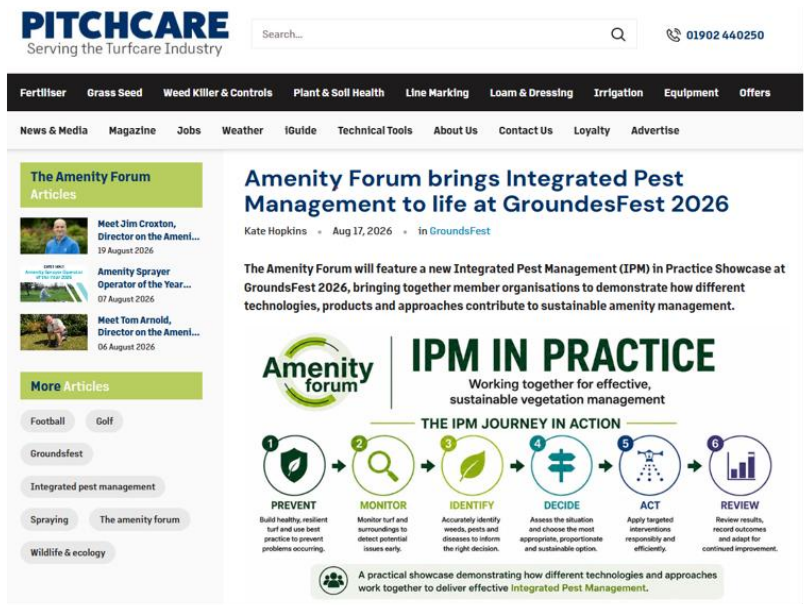
Amenity Forum and Kersten UK have responded to HortWeek's report on the extent of dissatisfaction with many glyphosate alternatives weed controls.

28 October 2026

Amenity Forum chair Ian Graham

The future of weed control: Are glyphosate alternatives for amenity weed control fit for purpose? showed that the vast majority of local authorities still use glyphosate to kill weeds. But it also revealed the widespread dissatisfaction with, and lack of uptake of, many of the alternative methods and products on offer.

Amenity Forum, the industry-led body set up to promote best practice in weeds, pests and diseases management, advocates for the use of Integrated Pest Management strategies combining a variety of methods and products, whether glyphosate-based or not.


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Amenity Forum brings Integrated Pest Management to life at GroundsFest 2026

Kate Hopkins • Aug 17, 2026 • in GroundsFest

The Amenity Forum will feature a new Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Practice Showcase at GroundsFest 2026, bringing together member organisations to demonstrate how different technologies, products and approaches contribute to sustainable amenity management.

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IPM IN PRACTICE

Working together for effective, sustainable vegetation management

THE IPM JOURNEY IN ACTION

1 PREVENT Build healthy, resilient turf and use best practice to prevent problems occurring.

2 MONITOR Monitor turf and surroundings to detect potential issues early.

3 IDENTIFY Accurately identify weeds, pests and diseases to inform the right decision.

4 DECIDE Assess the situation and choose the most appropriate, proportionate and sustainable option.

5 ACT Apply targeted interventions responsibly and efficiently.

6 REVIEW Review results, record outcomes and adapt for continued improvement.

A practical showcase demonstrating how different technologies and approaches work together to deliver effective Integrated Pest Management.


PRO LANDSCAPER

Amenity Forum sets out its stance on glyphosate use

by Rachael Forsyth | 31 Jul 26 | Grounds Maintenance, News

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Ian Graham, chairman of The Amenity Forum, has released a commentary setting out the Forum's perspective on the future of vegetation management in amenity settings. This comes as the public debate around glyphosate grows and with a GB consultation expected.

Why local authority voices matter

- Managing public spaces means balancing safety, accessibility, biodiversity and public expectations
- Budgets, staffing and regulatory uncertainty make those decisions harder
- We want more local authority voices involved in shaping the Forum's work







What APSE research tells us

84% Effectiveness of alternatives is a barrier

66% Cost is a barrier

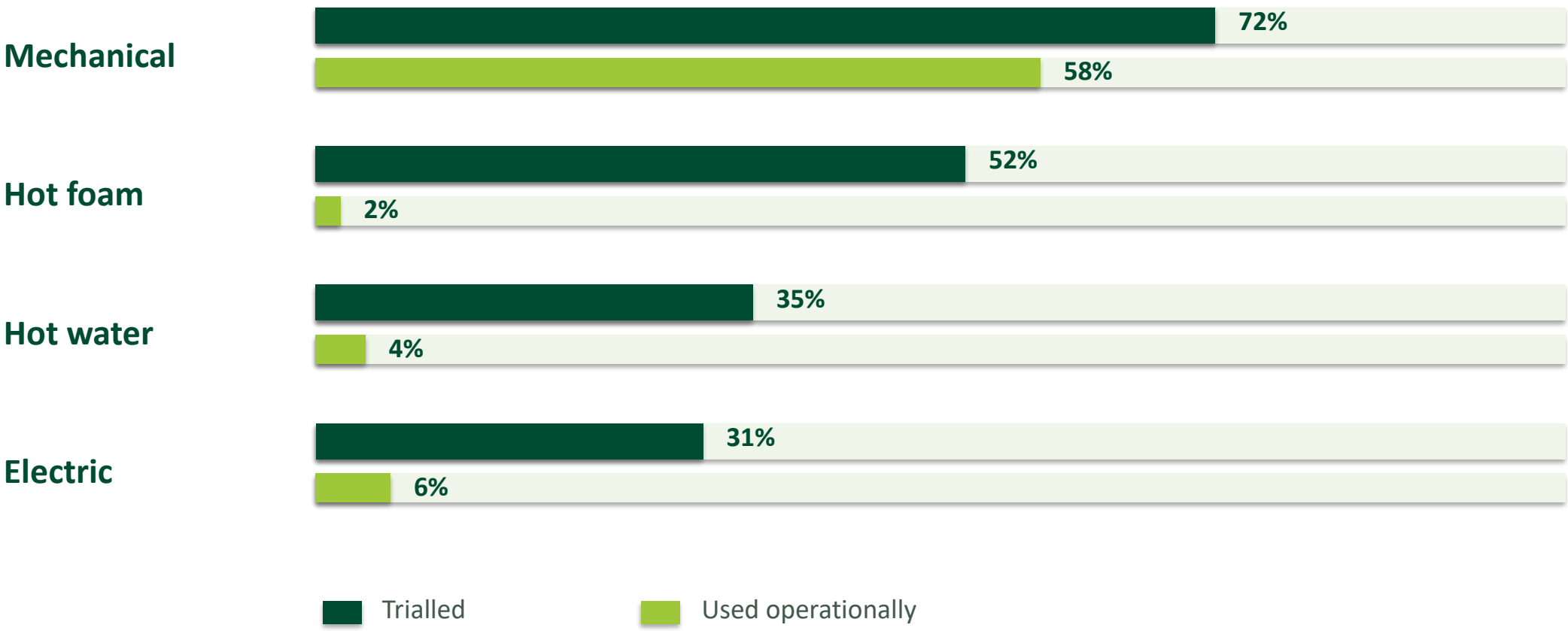
25% Have a formal weed-management or reduction policy

41% Monitor effectiveness of alternative methods

Source: APSE member survey, October 2026

From trial to routine use

Testing a method is not the same as adopting it



Percentages of responding authorities | Source: APSE member survey, October 2026

What the HortWeek research tells us

- Councils are testing different approaches, often facing similar challenges
- Comparable evidence on effectiveness, costs and environmental impacts would help

The Forum can bring people together to share successes and limitations

HortWeek (October 2026) - [The future of weed control: Are glyphosate alternatives for amenity weed control fit for purpose? | HortWeek]

How could the Forum support you?

- Share practical trial results, costs and lessons learned across councils
- Develop useful resources for FOI requests and evidence-based responses to public concerns
- Bring local authorities, contractors, manufacturers and technical specialists together
- Ensure local authority experience shapes future guidance and priorities

Help shape our support for local authorities

What would make the greatest practical difference to your local authority?

SCAN for a short, local authority survey

We want to build the right support with you – not assume what you need.

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Thank you for listening

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