

Amenity Management in Scotland: *Setting the Standard*



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SASA, Roddinglaw Road, Edinburgh, EH12 9FJ

Programme

09.45 **Registration and networking** (tea and coffee available)

Chair: Prof Gerry Saddler, Chief Plant Health Officer for Scotland and Head of SASA

10.30 **Welcome**

10.35 **Opening Address**
Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment

10.50 **HSE Update**
An overview of the regulatory landscape and the principles of sustainable pesticide use.

11.15 **Amenity Forum update**
An introduction to the work of the Amenity Forum followed by a focus of the challenges and opportunities for the amenity sector going forward.

11.40 **Scottish Government update**
Outlining the current policy landscape and some of the ongoing work of the Scottish Government.

12.05 **Local Authority view**
Highlighting the challenges faced by local authorities in the current climate of concerns about the safe use of chemical control methods.

12.30 **Lunch**

Chair: Prof John Moverley OBE, Chairman of the Amenity Forum

13:30 **Breakout Session: completing an integrated management plan**
An introduction to the Amenity Forum's new online toolbox and integrated weed management plan template.

14.30 **A holistic approach to managing weeds, pests & diseases**
Including the importance of balancing a chemical control with other management methods.

14.55 **Where Next?**

15.15 **Conclude**

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Open discussion
(facilitated by John Moverley)