



## UPDATING EVENTS 2018 'Meeting the challenge'

The Amenity Forum is the voluntary initiative for the sector promoting best practice in all aspects of weed, pest and disease control. This series of free Updating Events seeks to address topical issues of interest and relevance to all involved in the amenity sector and will comprise short presentations by speakers drawn from the Chemicals Regulation Division of HSE, BASIS Registration, the National Sprayer Testing Service, STRI, our various hosts and from the Amenity Forum itself. They are kindly hosted by a member organisation and timed to occupy half a day, normally mornings. They are located across the UK.

If you are interested in attending and to ensure you are kept informed, please email [admin@amenityforum.net](mailto:admin@amenityforum.net)

### Standard Programme

- 1000 Assemble for coffee/ tea and networking
- 1015 Welcome and Introduction
- 1020 Policy Update: *What is the National Action Plan? How is it impacting upon the sector? What are the challenges and opportunities going forward?*
- 1040 Effective and efficient use of chemicals for weed, pest and disease control: *Pesticide use is under the spotlight and their use controlled. This emphasises even more the need for efficient and timely application. What are the key elements in ensuring your sprayer equipment is set correctly for optimum use? What are the routine checks essential and the legal requirements for sprayer testing*
- 1100 Operating at best practice standards and training needs: *What are Amenity Assured standards and why and how should we apply them? What are the benefits of continuous professional development and why is our attitude to training so important going forward?*
- 1120 A review of current issues impacting on our sector in terms of weed, pest & disease management: *This session will focus on current issues and update on how the sector needs to respond. Integrated control is key in going forward. How do we do this and what alternatives to chemical control are available to us? How do we better communicate the importance of what we do?*
- 1140 Break
- 1200 Question Time session
- 1220 Presentation by host organisation
- 1300 Conclude



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Belfast	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	hosted by CAFRE Greenmount Campus, County Antrim,
Peterborough	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	hosted by NAAC The Old Cart Shed, Easton Lodge Farm, Old Oundle Road, Wansford PE8 6NP
Wales	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	hosted by CWC Celtic Manor Resort, Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 1HQ
Pontefract	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	hosted by Weedfree Darrington Golf Club, Havercroft Lane, Darrington, Pontefract WF8 3BP
Stoneleigh	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	hosted by Lantra Lantra House, Stoneleigh Park, nr Coventry, CV8 2LG
London	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	hosted by London Parks Forum City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA
South East	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	hosted by BIGGA/ IOG
Reading	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	hosted by Bayer 400 South Oak Way, Green Park, Reading, RG2 6AD
Essex	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018	hosted by Rigby Taylor and Headland Amenity Throws Farm, Essex, CM6 3AG
York	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	hosted by BIGGA Alne, York, YO61 1UF
Northamptonshire	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	hosted by BIGGA/ IOG Cold Ashby Golf Club, Stanford Road, Cold Ashby NN6 6EP
Edinburgh	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	hosted by SAC & Scottish Government
Durham	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	hosted by CWC Members Lounge - Golf Clubhouse, Ramside Hall Hotel and Golf Club, Carrville, Durham, DH1 1TD
Devon	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	hosted by Bicton College Budleigh Salterton, EX9 7BH

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