

# GOSS

**THE WEED CONTROL &  
GROUND MAINTENANCE SPECIALISTS**



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## MAKING IT CLEAR

S H Goss has had an association with the weed control and grounds maintenance industry since 1972. As an industry leader, the company can call upon an unrivalled range of skills, experience and expertise.

Throughout its area of operation, companies large and small, public and private, local and national have all called upon Goss to provide a specialist service.

As a company, we pride ourselves on providing a fast and effective answer to many of the problems that affect the management and maintenance of a wide range of facilities.

This brochure has been produced to reinforce our relationship with existing clients and introduce the company to new contacts who may find our services of value.

The following pages describes the company's qualities and strengths and informs on its wide range of activities. We place great emphasis on customer service and are constantly exploring and developing new opportunities that will ultimately benefit clients.

Our services are wide ranging: We provide solutions for the successful ground maintenance of turf surfaces, hard and soft landscaping and industrial and utility areas, We protect local authority 'green' spaces and public places from weed infestation and control their spread in our lakes, rivers and reservoirs. Our specialist arboriculture team is skilled in undertaking a range of projects from major tree removal to pollarding, shaping and conservation programmes.

The company is a fully audited member of the industry's governing organisations and work undertaken is fully guaranteed and carried out to the exacting standards of BSEN ISO.

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**BACCS**

*BACCS BASIS Advanced  
Contractor Certification Scheme*

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*Registered by the board of BASIS  
(Registration) Limited under II & IV  
– Contractor with store*

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*Certificate of Registration  
Under the Control of Pollution  
(amendment) Act 1989*

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*Fully Registered as a supplier on  
the Utilities Vendor Database*

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**UVDB**  
Utilities Vendor Database

*Quality Management System  
Certificate of Registration which  
complies with the requirement of  
BS EN ISO 1900:2000*

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## SPORTS & AMENITY TURF

Golf courses, sports pitches, playing fields and other grassed recreational areas all require to be kept free of weeds. Not only do they look unsightly but compete with the grass for moisture, nutrients and create an increase in mowing frequency.

Goss has a wide range of herbicides specially selected for the control of a broad spectrum of persistent perennial weeds. In addition, the company offers a wide range of additional turf treatments.

Because the results achieved from chemical treatments depend greatly on the skill of the operator and accuracy of the equipment. All Goss spray operators are fully trained and hold up to date BASIS spraying certificates and operate state of the art application machinery.



When applying sprays to wide open spaces such as golf course fairways, sports pitches and school playing fields, the company use specially adapted Range Rovers equipped with 900 litre spray tanks, 12 metre folding booms, low drift nozzles and where necessary low pressure tyres, In-cab GPS equipment is also fitted for ease of site location.

### Services

- ▲ Weed/disease/insect identification
- ▲ Selective weed control
- ▲ Moss/Algae treatment
- ▲ Fungicide treatment
- ▲ Insect/worm control
- ▲ Grass growth regulators
- ▲ Fertiliser applications
- ▲ Annual contract programme
- ▲ Weed control in lakes, shrubberies and club house surrounds.

For spraying smaller areas and applications to rough or remote terrain, a fleet of specially equipped Quad bikes are used. And for spraying greens, banks, shrubbery beds, fence lines and tree plantings, knapsacks are the preferred choice.

Goss weed control specialists will, if required, carry out treatments to non-turf areas.

In addition to the application of sprays, Goss is able to advise on, recommend and supply a wide range of proven turf care products.



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## TREES & LANDSCAPING

The Goss team of arboriculture specialists offer a comprehensive and professional service to clients who need expert tree advice in relation to land and site management.

The company only employ dedicated and skilled professionals, including qualified tree surgeons. All operators hold relevant chainsaw training certificates and this, coupled with our high level of investment in staff training and up to date equipment, ensures a high quality service.

Our portfolio of clients includes local authorities, construction companies, public utilities, private companies, house builders and woodland trusts

### **Total weed and vegetation management, including invasive weed control**

Goss weed control specialists will identify the weed species, recommend the correct chemicals to use and carry out required treatments.



### **Site Survey**

Our specialist team will draw up a plan informing on the safety aspects of the project, the labour and equipment to be used and timescales involved.

If the project is being undertaken during a design and construction project, we will advise architects and developers on the work schedules and liaise with local planning authorities to ensure the project remains on schedule.

### **Risk Assessment**

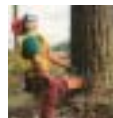
Tree management is potentially a hazardous operation and therefore constant attention to detailed site assessment and risk assessment is carried out prior to commencement of any work. All teams are trained in aerial rescue techniques.

Goss team of consultants have the expertise to find the right solution for clients across the whole range of arboricultural needs.



### **Services**

- ▲ Site Surveys & recommendations
- ▲ Tree Felling and removal
- ▲ Stump Removal
- ▲ Re-Shaping
- ▲ Replacement Planting
- ▲ Dead-wooding
- ▲ Pruning
- ▲ Hedge Trimming
- ▲ Coppicing
- ▲ Pollarding
- ▲ Brushwood Chipper Service



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## LAKES & RIVERS

The Goss aquatic weed control specialists have a high level of expertise in the identification, control, removal and disposal of weed infestation of rivers, lakes, canals and reservoirs.

Unchecked weed growth is not only unattractive but can restrict water flow, foul propellers, affect recreational activity, diminish fish stocks and reduce income. These weeds may not be indigenous to the region and can harm the environment by choking out native water plants, fish and other beneficial aquatic organisms.

The Goss service is based first on identification of the target plants and then ensuring their removal by the most appropriate methods. Options could be mechanical, chemical, biological or a combination to achieve the results required.

In all circumstances it is important to select the correct method of control. For some weed species, for example, mechanical removal through cutting could actually make the problem worse as it may encourage the plants to send-out new growth. Whatever method is adopted, Goss will undertake the task in a responsible and environmentally aware manner.

We work with government agencies to obtain the required permits, ensuring compliance with local and national regulations and follow best management practices

### **Weed control on banks and surrounding areas**

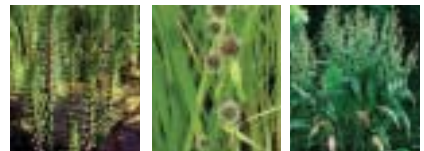
Goss weed control specialists will, if required, carry out treatments to areas adjacent to the water body being treated.

Due to the sensitive nature of this area of our work, we only employ skilled and trained personnel, all of whom have the appropriate Certificate of Competence.



### **Services**

- ▲ Weed species identification
- ▲ Site Survey and Recommendation
- ▲ Permit application
- ▲ Mechanical removal
- ▲ Chemical treatment
- ▲ Invasive weed treatments
- ▲ Vegetation disposal
- ▲ Contract weed management programme



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## INDUSTRY & UTILITY

Areas that are remote or have limited foot traffic can quickly become infested with weeds. Unchecked weed growth can clog drains and culverts, disrupt electrical and communication services, cause corrosion and when dry become a major fire hazard.

Goss will apply the most effective, technically advanced chemicals approved for this use.

With our precision equipment, we can apply chemical in a way that's safer, more precise, more effective and more economical. Our personnel are trained and seasoned applicators, licensed to handle the chemical products we use.



Our industrial weed control teams can undertake any commercial vegetation management project and are experienced in applying sprays in sensitive areas such as power stations, fuel storage sites, gas holders, electrical sub stations, M.O.D property and airfields.

Goss can provide a total service for clients that eliminates the initial problem, clears the sites of unwanted vegetation and prevents weeds from returning.

Additional work can be included that offers supplementary site maintenance such as repair and graffiti removal.



Goss has extensive experience in the eradication of invasive weed species such as Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed. The latter is designated as a public health and environmental hazard and just the slightest contact with its poisonous sap will cause large and painful blistering of the skin.



### Services

- ▲ Weed identification
- ▲ Total weed control
- ▲ Selective weed control
- ▲ Annual maintenance
- ▲ Invasive weed treatments
- ▲ Graffiti cleaning
- ▲ Re-shingling
- ▲ Litter picking
- ▲ Tree branch removal



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## ESTATES, PAVEMENTS & PATHS

With the increasing cost of labour and an ever-decreasing access to suitable skilled workers, local authority highway and cleansing departments, government agencies and private companies are having major problems maintaining standards.

S H Goss has a long history of working with local authorities, public utilities and private companies in the contract maintenance of facilities.

Uncontrolled weed encroachment causes surface break-up that is expensive to repair, unsightly and presents a potential danger to the public from tripping on

cracked and raised surfaces. In addition, graffiti on walls, moss on walkways and chewing gum residues on pedestrian areas are all signs of neglect.



Following a site survey, Goss weed control operators will identify the weed species and propose a programme for their eradication. Identification is vital to ensure correct chemical selection and effective targeting of the species. Many weeds can be controlled with just one visit.



Goss teams of specialists undertake a range of services that improve the local environment and maintain the amenities for the enjoyment of all.



### Services

- ▲ Total Weed control
- ▲ Graffiti Removal
- ▲ Pressure Jet Washing (Paving etc)
- ▲ Litter Picking
- ▲ Gritting and Snow Clearance
- ▲ Tree Planting/pruning
- ▲ Tree removal (see Trees section)



Whether progressing the use of new products, adopting advanced application techniques or providing clients with quality advice and support, Goss is committed to raising standards and service.

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**Trees & Landscape**

**Industry & Utility**

**Lakes & Rivers**

**Estates, Pavements & Paths**



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