

CPD seminar schedule continues

Seminar presentations helping to raise awareness and identification of Japanese knotweed issues are becoming second nature to JKC's management team following another busy summer of UK presentations.

The 'Meet the Expert' exhibitions and seminars, hosted by Direct Contact Exhibitions (DCE) will continue through to Blackpool at the end of November but JKC is already discussing dates for the 2015 schedule.

Delivery of an intensive programme of continuous professional development (CPD) seminars has significantly helped to increase awareness of knotweed issues, for example legislative, health and safety implications, as well as treatment recommendations and advice.



David Layland commented:

"It's very important that we draw on our industry experience to keep, for example, developers, land owners, councils and the amenities sector fully informed on the latest developments. Covering the whole of the UK our ongoing seminar programme can be labour intensive and time-consuming but, for as long as they remain popular and well attended, they'll continue to be an important showcase for our skills and services."

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JKC returns to SALTEX with Royal appointment

In a marketplace that continues to get increasingly competitive year after year, Japanese Knotweed Control (JKC) will position itself as the voice of experience when it returns to this year's SALTEX, scene of significant interest and sales lead generation for the past decade.

Parks and amenity customers will again be a prime target as JKC comes into this exhibition on the back of another prestigious order from The Royal Parks in London.

Renewing a partnership that goes back some six years, JKC has recently been appointed to treat some knotweed stand infestations at the water's edge in Kensington Gardens and began a programme of stem injection at the park this summer.

The Queen's Orchard in the north eastern corner of Greenwich Park was the site of JKC's first Royal Parks' contract in 2008. Successful treatment here prompted its appointment in 2010 to carry out further work across 19 infestation sites in Regent's Park as well as work at two of the Park's leading attractions; London Zoo, where there were some minor knotweed outbreaks, and the Open Air Theatre as it underwent some redevelopment work.

Andy Williams, Assistant Parks Manager throughout all these projects, is now Parks Manager for Kensington Gardens and Brompton Cemetery and has returned once more to a specialist he believes he can 'always trust to achieve results!'



JKC's Joint Managing Director, David Layland commented:

"We've seen customer knowledge and awareness of Japanese knotweed grow year on year at SALTEX and visitors to our stand are now much more savvy about the various treatment options available and considerations needed when choosing a treatment partner."

"Demonstrating a successful track record is increasingly essential and, when we're talking to potential customers in the amenities sector, being able to reference prestigious clients such as The Royal Parks can be one of our most persuasive sales tools."



Amenity Forum Conference

Hot on the heels of SALTEX, JKC will also attend the Amenity Forum Conference on 16th October at Leicester City Football Club, an important event attracting delegates from across the amenities sector.

Entitled 'Staying in Control', this year's conference will specifically address the many challenges facing the amenity sector in terms of its approach to weed, pest and disease control. With the emphasis on adopting integrated approaches and making the most effective use of herbicides, it remains important that the sector continues to get fully behind best practice and driving up standards.

Attracting a number of high profile keynote speakers, and seeking to address the hot issues facing the industry, the Amenity Forum Conference and exhibition has become a must attend event for all the main players and influencers in the amenity sector, and is another important annual date in the JKC calendar.

Crucial knotweed control for London property developer

Specialising in prime residential property ranging from single homes to multi-unit, mixed use developments, London developer Intra Urban Developments works on various projects which involve converting existing housing or transforming distressed properties into high value assets.

In common with many in the property sector, Intra Urban has seen several of its sites prone to Japanese knotweed infestations and Japanese Knotweed Control (JKC) has always proved a reliable treatment partner.

One such site was 1 Palace Road in Streatham, South West London. It previously had a single dwelling house on the plot which was demolished to make way for a mixed use scheme, but a large section of knotweed infestation needed to be controlled or completely removed in order for the proposed new-build to progress.

Having previously worked together, Intra Urban again contacted JKC on this problem and the treatment specialists carried out several site visits to Palace Road and prepared a thorough report before outlining various treatment methods. The two companies then worked jointly on an effective eradication programme intended to prevent costly delays to the build schedule

Whilst JKC is able to offer a full range of treatment options, because of the nature of this luxury residential development and the construction timescales, it was decided to have all knotweed excavated and removed off site. This was to prevent any issues with further growth or problems arising in the future which might compromise sales of the properties.

Adam Ramalingum, Project Manager at Intra Urban commented:

"We were very happy with the work carried out by JKC and its assistance throughout the various stages of the treatment process. The knotweed was successfully excavated and removed from the Palace Road site and there have been no further issues. We have used the company on a number of sites now and would highly recommend the use of JKC's services to any other developer suffering with knotweed issues."



Successful ISO 9001 accreditation renewal

Following a recent British Standards Institute (BSI) audit, JKC was delighted to uphold its UKAS ISO 9001:2008 quality management accreditation, first secured in 2010.

Recognised across 178 countries and the world's most widely regarded quality management standard, ISO 9001 helps companies to continually monitor and master quality across all operations and benchmark consistent performance and service.

David Layland commented:

"The ISO 9001 award benefits all aspects of our business, from health and service policies through to customer satisfaction, and also covers NHSS Sector 18 which is essential for working on highways. The BSI audit always challenges us to re-evaluate all our systems and practices and, in terms of setting the high standards we always seek, it remains one of our most critical accreditations."