



"I've seen dogs walk through the foam / after application & not affecting their little paws like glyphosate"

Balerno Dog owner

"Edin council should see how successful the foam treatment was & thus find a way to use it everywhere"

Balerno resident

"I visited the Foamstream pilot in Deanpark , I liked the process however as it was raining I was sceptical of the results ... The next day I took my wife along to show her the slabbed area that had been Foamed . We were delighted to see the weeds were all brown & dead without harmful chemicals - Very impressed .

Born and bread Balerno resident

"My sons health as he gets very unwell when weedkiller is sprayed around & now there is no chemicals sprayed around my house I'm so relieved "

Balerno parent

Interestingly, councils who have successfully been using safe alternatives, for years have reported safe alternatives to work out cheaper than glyphosate when used correctly, reduce weed complaints and most importantly safeguard the health of their community.

Cost analysis	Cost per meter
Hand Weeding by contractor	£00.32
Hot water treatment by contractor	£00.26
Glyphosate treatment by contractor	£00.23
Foamstream factoring in costs of diesel, foam, in-house application, van and water. Excluding initial cost of equipment	£00.07

Balerno Residents this year continue to remove the small strip of weeds outside their own homes. Balerno also has a volunteer weeding group to support the community and the council where needed.

This year CEC have supported Balerno by manual / mechanical weed removal, removing street debris and manually removing weeds on communal slabs, it has been much appreciated.

Meanwhile residents in Edinburgh are complaining about the city being 'overrun with weeds' despite having glyphosate applied routinely!!

Balerno is then comparatively doing well but we agree, yes we could do better! We want the weeds removed in our community by the safe alternatives that we asked for !

Edinburgh council recently invested hot water machines for graffiti. One of the benefits of hot water machines is that they are multifunction, can be used for weeding, graffiti cleaning, removing chewing gum etc. We hope these can be shared to help Balerno with safe weed removal.

The Edinburgh wide petition has over 5000 signatures ! And from this year 2024 Edinburgh Council have stopped the use of glyphosate around and in ALL of Edinburghs council schools and in ALL of Edinburgh council parks/ green spaces.

From Stockholm, Copenhagen, New York and Berlin, will Edinburgh Balerno be the next to properly implement safe alternatives?

The proof will be on the pavements.



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