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**QUOTATION  
For control of Marestalk (*Equisetum arvense*)  
On the Bradenstoke Allotments**

17/09/2023

Dear Elizabeth

I have had a good look at the marestalk problem on the allotments and by my working out these are 6 allotments which are not occupied or the person has given up therefore we need to spray the whole allotment area which is 15mx5m =75m<sup>2</sup> And there are 5 allotments with partly contaminated areas within the allotment area, these are more tricky to address as there are crops growing on the site, we would need permission to spot spray the Marestalk without spraying any of the crops and as these crops would be eaten then that is a concern, or the occupier will simply put out the marestalk by hand to keep a control and not use a chemical control

With this in mind I have priced the work as below

15mx5m total spray for each allotment and each application is

£63.00 including vat

Part spray or spot spray with some contamination of Marestalk within the area of 15mx5m cost is for each application

£31.50 including vat

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**1. Weather conditions**

The weather should be a fine day with some cloud and little or no wind

## **2. Timing**

This should be done in the growing season from March to October, I would suggest we apply one application asap this year (2023) so that the chemical has time to work over the Winter this would be a good start as the chemical will work slowly over the Winter as it is systemic and will penetrate deep into the roots, then the next application should be applied in March/April 2024, again in May/June 2024 then again in September/October 2024

Control

## **3. Control**

I will be using a chemical called 'Diamond Horse Tail Weed Killer' for the allotments with no crops growing and Roundup Pro Active 360 on allotments with some crops growing, the active ingredient is glyphosate herbicide for total weed control, and can be used in areas such as roadsides, paths, hard surfaces, industrial sites and along fences and walls. Safe for aquatic use around lakes, streams, rivers & other aquatic sites, however it is not advised to use on crops to be consumed therefore areas where crops are present would not be sprayed, it is harmless to pets and animals once dry which in most weather conditions is about 10mins but I would keep pets of sprayed areas for 24hours to be safe

Please remember this is only a control method and not an eradication, Maretail is very hard to eradicate, but with this control we can stop it from getting worse and contaminating other areas.

Please note.

Quotation is valid for 31 days, as from the date at the top of the quote.  
Plant prices are based on the complete list; prices may change if a part order is placed, and a delivery charge may apply.

I look forward to hearing from you  
Barry

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