

# **GREENKEEPERS**

## **GOLF COURSE WINTER WORK**

### **WINTER PROGRAMME 2018/9 - UPDATE**

**GREENS:** A great deal of work has been done in recent weeks to reduce the evidence of the disease that has afflicted the greens so badly. The greens have been spiked (w/c 13/11/18), cut and rolled using the recently acquired turf iron; fungicides have been applied. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> remain in poor condition. More work will continue on all greens, but particularly those mentioned above.

**TEES:** All tees have been and dressed. Hand divoting will continue weekly.

**FAIRWAYS:** The fairways were divoted by members (12/11/18). The extreme summer weather has left the fairways in poor condition. It will be important to aerate them by spiking. This will have to be done slowly so that damage is limited. The 17<sup>th</sup> fairway will be used as a test (w/c 19/11/18).

The WINTER PROGRAMME is well under way:

**ROUGH:** This has been cut, and the bales taken away; brambles and ferns have been cut around the course.

**IRRIGATION:** The system has been shut down for the winter. The holding tank has been emptied.

**HEDGE BETWEEN 4<sup>th</sup> GREEN and 5<sup>th</sup> TEE:** Clearing work completed, but new hardwood trees will be planted on the bank in the next few weeks. This will improve the airflow and let in more light to the area.

**DITCH ON THE RIGHT OF 14<sup>th</sup>:** This has been cleared and hedge pruned back.

**BANKS AND DITCHES TO BE FILLED AND LEVELLED:** Work completed. They will soon be turfed. Turf arrived (14/11/18).

**DITCHES ON 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>:** Have been filled in, and will be turfed soon.

**BANK ON 10<sup>th</sup> FAIRWAY:** This has been graded and will be turfed soon.

**MATTING ON 15<sup>th</sup>:** Has been installed near the 15<sup>th</sup> tee towards the 5<sup>th</sup> green; to be used when the 16 hole layout is in operation. More matting will be laid next winter.

**HEDGES ON LEFT OF 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>:** Have been cut back.

**HEDGE OUTSIDE CLUB:** Has been cut back.

**BANK ON 17<sup>th</sup>:** Has been cleared. A small hedge will be put on the top.

**WORK TO BE DONE:** The two large fir trees between the practice chipping green and the 17<sup>th</sup> green will be felled on November 21<sup>st</sup>. This will let more light into this area; the practice area can now be made larger. Gorse will be planted to form a horseshoe around the 17<sup>th</sup> green.

**BUNKERS:** Some faces will be improved so that the ball rolls to the bottom more easily. The bunkers on the alternate 16<sup>th</sup> green will be completed.

**PATHS:** The cockle shell paths will tidied and topped up. Broken rails will be replaced.

**TREE WORK:** Low hanging branches will be taken down near the 13<sup>th</sup> green.

**GORSE and TREE PLANTING:** Gorse will be put to the right of the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway to help shape the hole; also to the right of 8<sup>th</sup> green. Trees will be planted around the course to help shape holes and enhance the attraction of the course.

**STEPS:** Will be put into the bank on the 9<sup>th</sup> tee. The work to be completed this winter.

**PATH AT BACK OF 4<sup>th</sup>:** A path will be cut close to the bank and across the wood chip area already in place. This will enable golfers to walk on the left side of the green, and leave directly towards the path.

**SHORT HOLE TEES:** Winter mats will be put near, or, on the grass tees NEXT WINTER. The current mats will remain in place.

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