



Greens Committee



'Talk Back'

As the season gets underway the greens committee felt it important to feed back information regarding work undertaken and the proposed projects for the next few months.

As everyone is aware funds are limited so the committee are seeking to prioritise some project work in support of improving the course for everyone to enjoy.

Recent work undertaken

Water irrigation system – after an extreme winter, damage occurred to the water irrigation system which during the 3-4 weeks of hot weather caused difficulty in getting water onto the greens around the course. Work has been completed with the support and expertise of a number of members and we can confirm that the system is fully operational and currently water is available to all greens around the course.

Greens - All greens have been solid spiked, more recently hollow tined and top dressed to seek improvement in aeration and growth. Equipment to complete this work was made available without charge. Although this does have an impact for a number of weeks it is deemed a necessary evil in the management of our greens and we will reap the benefit as the season progresses.

Flags & Cups – New sponsor's have been identified and an order has been placed to replace all the current flags, pins and cups. This work will be completed over the next few weeks.

Bunkers – Green staff have been tasked to improve the state of the bunkers across the course. Action to be completed involves the de stoning and the requirement to top up all the bunkers with additional sand.

Drainage - Work has been completed to improve the drainage problems experiences on the approach to the 12th green. Collapsed pipe work has been replaced, and French drains reinstated. The 5th competition tee which is always wet has been improved with in installation of drainage pipe work. All the above work has been completed by hand with no cost being incurred with the hire of plant equipment.

De-stoning – Work has commenced to de stone the left side of the fairway on the 9th hole. This will allow for the mowers to run over the grass without any damage being incurred and the removal of the blue stakes which will allow for the new area to be in full play. Thanks from the committee to everyone who assisted through the weekly 'chain gang' in completing this work.

Tree Stump Removal – Arrangements have been put in place to remove all the unsightly tree stumps on the 1st, 4th, 13th, 15th & 16th to help improve the aesthetics of the course and assist with the grass cutting regime.

Bridge improvements – arrangements have been made to ensure all wooden bridges are covered with astro turf, to remove the slip and trip hazards. A number of access bridges have been inspected and will be improved over the next few months. A permanent stone bridge will be constructed and financed by a small group of members within the club alongside the 18th green. Completion date end of June.

Proposed projects & Works

Improved buggy paths/footpaths – A full assessment of the current buggy paths/footpaths and the proposal to improve the areas from the 6th to the 7th green, to finish off the work undertaken up the 8th & 9th and the access from the 11th green back down the steep hill. Costings have been undertaken and the arrangements for the hire of plant to complete this work along side other work to be undertaken at the same time. Large supplies of road finings have been acquired without any cost due to the proactivity of one committee member which will help extend the above improvements.

Drainage improvements 15th/16th - The ongoing water problems experienced on the 15th & 16th fairways will be investigated with the view to seeking an improvement. Pilot investigation will be undertaken with the view to using plant to excavate trenches if required when on hire to complete the above work.

General Improvements - Some of the additional work will be undertaken to include the repair required to the 9th tee, the re shaping of the ground at the rear of the 11th green whilst the plant is on hire.