

# Fertilisers

## **Cannock fertilisers**

Cannock Fertilisers Limited market fertilisers, specialities and grass seeds to meet the exacting demands of golf greenkeepers.

Particularly well-known is the range of compounds and specialised products for fine turf including Organic Lawn, Winterfeed and Greenex fertilisers, Turfex to control weeds and moss, Mercurex mercurised turf sand, etc. For fairways and other gang mown areas four GK Granular compounds are available. Fusarium Specific turf fungicide, Chlordane liquid worm killer, Concentrated Worm Killer (Rotenone powder) and Texturf turf conditioner are worthy of note. Cannock grass seed mixtures enjoy a high reputation and only the most suitable varieties are used.

## **And fertilisers from Suttons too**

The 1972 catalogue from Suttons Seeds Limited covers the full range of supplies likely to interest the greenkeepers, together with pages giving a Calendar of Turf Culture and a centre spread showing the rates for given areas applicable to all Suttons seeds and dressings.

Greensward still leads the cavalcade. The mixture has 1.05% iron as well as a good organic content. One ton costs £4.20 per cwt, 2 ozs per square yard (5 cwt per acre) are recommended as a basic Spring dressing.

For soils deficient in organic matter, a new dressing 'Greensward' and 'Humus' has been produced for £3.15 per cwt though the recommended rate of application is 4-8 ozs per square yard.

The Suttons Organic Turf Dressing is prepared for fine turf surfaces at £3.65 per cwt. Its high organic content contrasts with 'Foursward' which Suttons have developed for feeding large areas. Sportsground Fertiliser may be used where natural organic matter is low. These two cost £3.50 and £3.00 respectively, but both can be applied at 2 ozs per square yard.

Autumn is still a long way off but Suttons Autumn Turf Fertiliser will supply the sward's needs after a trying season. Low in nitrogen, iron is still included for healthy grass.

For those with a weed problem, 'Cleanturf' combines fertiliser with two powerful selective weedkillers. This material costs £4.35 per cwt at the ton rate on which too, all the preceding prices are based.

## **AND FERTILISER ON TEE TOO**

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### **Introduction**

The primary aim in maintaining a tee should be to provide a firm dry surface, giving a level stance at all times of the year. To achieve this ideal condition sound construction is the first essential but good management will be the next step to success. Work on the tee should not be confined to fairly regular mowing with an occasional rest when conditions get really bad, but rather as all the year round attention along the following lines.

### **Spring**

Spring is usually the time of year when the summer tees are first used, when we hope to have seen the last of the bad weather and the winter tees. It is at this time, however, that many people make their first mistake. Changing from winter to summer tees should not be dictated by the date on the calendar but rather by the state of the weather, growth, etc. Impatience at this time can often ruin a good tee for the remainder of the summer.

When winter tees are eventually brought out of play do not forget about them until next winter, hoping they will grass over to some extent, but instead carry out a proper programme of renovating the thin, bare and often muddy patches. Intensive solid or slit tine spiking will be the first essential to relieve the compaction often found as a