The Mole truth

Frank Taylor is a man with a 'hush hush' mission. The task is enormous - but the day of the mole is over. Their cover has been blown and the trap is set. No - this isn't a tale about espionage, but about those furry little 'critters' who can turn a snooker table lawn into a battle field overnight.

For sixty-year old Frank Taylor, of Pattingham, Wolverhampton, is a professional mole-catcher. Made redundant in 1986, Frank set himself up as a mole catcher with the help of the government's Enterprise Scheme.

Frank's new found, and one could say down to earth career, has rescued a dying country art and his services are much in demand. On one 'under cover' job at Witley Park, near Broseley, Shropshire, he caught 561 moles in two months. Lord Forester had 150 acres of solid mole hills before Frank began, but armed with knee pad, trap and a skill that can catch a mole in 2½ minutes, the numbers soon dwindled.

"I have trapped moles since I was a boy, usually for my family and friends in the countryside. The use of poisons for controlling moles has always repelled me", said Frank. "I think I have proved that trapping is the only effective method of mole control", he added.

Colorcoat tees off for golf market

Golf course accessories including fairway signs and tee markers are now being fabricated by BEV Golf Equipment Ltd from Colorcoat HP200 supplied by Color Steels Ltd - major stockists and processors of pre-painted steel.

John Hall, managing director of Color Steels, says that such golf course accessories have traditionally been manufactured from formica or post-painted steel.

"However, it has been found that Colorcoat HP200 has several advantages over these materials. It is very cost competitive, offers exceptionally long life and durability (especially against weather corrosion) and is aesthetically pleasing.

Golf courses depend a great deal on easily recognisable, 'colour coded' signs and markers; Colorcoat HP200 offers total consistency in colour quality and high resistance to fading and weathering."

The new Colorcoat HP200 signs and markers are being offered by BEV Golf Equipment Ltd as complete advertising packages. Advertisers can place their promotional messages on signs and markers, so effectively targeting golf players, while giving clubs and courses the opportunity to upgrade their marking facilities free of charge.