To improve their service to customers in the Chester, Wirral and North Wales areas Turfland, the internationally known Warrington-based turf producers, have announced that from Saturday, 18th June, 1988 they will open their nurseries in Churton by Farndon to the general public.

Turfland have an excellent reputation for the quality of their purpose-grown turf, turf which has been sown from specially selected seeds, cultivated and matured under constant care and maintenance by the Turfland team through all stages of its growth until it is ready to be offered for sale.

Chris and Janet Watmore, respectively Managing Director and Sales Director of Turfland, have been cultivating turf for over 25 years, and were the first in this country to introduce the concept of growing good quality turf from seed to suit specific needs, from the domestic lawn to heavy-duty sports applications such as football and rugby pitches and to fine bowling and golf greens. To meet such varied demands they have developed three different turf varieties, Sportsman, Lady Ruby and Crown Green, each with its own individual character and appearance.

At Churton, Turfland are now growing turf on 118 acres of some of the best land in the area, set in attractive, undulating countryside against the backdrop of the North Wales hills. Over £50,000 has been spent on irrigation equipment, using the River Dee as the water source, so that the turf can be tended and cared for whatever the elements. The nurseries are easy to find, being situated on the B5130 south of Chester (turn right at the White Horse Pub) and north of Wrexham (turn left at the White Horse), and are ideally located for customers in the Chester, Wirral, Wrexham, Crewe, Nantwich and North Wales areas.

Initially the nurseries will be open on Mondays between 8 am and 6 pm and on Saturdays between 8 am and 1 pm, with plans to extend these opening hours as the summer wears on.

Simon Lawson of 76 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln was awarded the Sparsholt Women’s Institute Cup for the best performance on the Certificate course in Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sportsground Management) at the Sparsholt College, Hampshire on Presentation Day (8th July).

Simon, who was awarded his Certificate with Distinction, also received a Prize for his Outstanding Project.

Simon, a former pupil of William Farr School, Welton, Lincoln was a student at the Riseholme College of Agriculture & Horticulture before coming to Sparsholt.

Prior to the course Simon worked at the Fourseason’s Hotel Golf Course at Dunholme near Lincoln.

Following his success at Sparsholt, his course tutor, Bob Young, said “Simon has progressed extraordinarily well and I am delighted that he has now been accepted on the National Diploma Course at the Lancashire College.”

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