The two day turf grass exhibition on Tuesday and Wednesday 12-13th May is aimed at both the amenity turf industry and those concerned with golf course management.

The event, which is organised in association with the Metropolitan Borough of Settle, will be showing such items as tractors, trucks and trailers; turf-care machinery and equipment; seeds, trees and shrubs; fertilisers and chemicals; outdoor furniture; and other goods and services of interest to the greenkeeping professionals.

An important section of the exhibition - manned by the Institute's Education Committee - will be presenting information on the various practical and professional courses which take place throughout the UK. They will also explain the opportunities which exist for young men and women interested in entering a career in sports ground management and maintenance. This sector will be supported by a number of colleges, including Cheshire College of Agriculture, Evesham College of Further Education, Hampshire College of Agriculture, Hertfordshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture, Welsh College of Horticulture and Merrist Wood Agricultural College. Also taking part will be the Sports Turf Research Institute from Bingley, West Yorkshire.

The Southport Show is primarily a manufacturers and main distributors exhibition as opposed to the regionally organised outdoor turf event at Ribby Hall supported by northern dealers.

Last May, despite an opening day attendance reaching less than 3,000, a fraction of the visitors to Windsor and this must have been a disappointment not only to the exhibitors but to the organisers.

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