

They've been together now...

THIS year, Huxleys Grass Machinery celebrates 40 years of service to the sports and leisure industry. From a modest beginning as suppliers to the domestic market, managing director Ted Huxley has seen his family firm grow and reach the position today where it is exclusively involved with the supply, service, hire and manufacture of machinery for the professional user.

Huxleys rapidly became a household name among greenkeepers by taking on the franchise for the Cushman Turf Care System. This was a master stroke attributed to the shrewd foresight of Ted Huxley and his staff.

When the machine was first introduced to Huxleys, the company had reservations, for the Cushman range then was not extensive and considered costly. Doubts were dispelled after a demonstration at the Temple Golf Club, Berkshire when an order was placed for a Cushman complete with all attachments. That first sale proved the capabilities of the machine and was eventually endorsed by a thousand Cushman owners and operators.

In 1977, Huxleys took over the management and distribution of Cushman equipment in the British Isles.

Huxleys' move into equipment manufacturing was the result of customer demand to produce more attachments that would broaden the range and scope of the Cushman Turf Care System and increase the year-round capabilities of the Turf-Truckster.

A spiker and sprayer were the first machines designed and built to operate with the Turf-Truckster. This was followed by a greens brush, dragmat and rake. The Turf-Truckster is now on offer with a complete, sophisticated turf care and maintenance system for a wide range of sports facilities.

In 1980, Cushman entered the



The TR138 hydraulic reelmower.

grass-cutting market when they introduced the Front Line machines, which have also been added to the Huxley range. It was the development of a hydraulically powered reel mower for mounting on to the Front Line in 1982 that led to the design and production of Huxleys latest successes, the TR range of hydraulic reel mowers for compact tractors.

At Alresford in Hampshire, Huxleys has its main design, development and manufacturing facility, together with spares and accessories for the Cushman, Huxley, Royer, Little David and Red Rider product lines the company distributes throughout the British Isles.

Under the management of Paul Huxley and Eddie Fox, the branch is also the major sales and service retail outlet within the

area for all professional grass and turf care equipment manufactured, distributed or hired by the company.

A showroom and sales office, workshop and spare parts department are housed in the head office, situated on a 4½ acre site at Hillside, Thorpe Lea Road, Egham, Surrey.

Ted Huxley and son Barry are based at Egham where they look after the requirements of professional grass and turf equipment users in and around London and deal with machinery orders from the company's dealer network.

Huxleys established position within the industry and readiness to meet all professional requirements should see the company through many more successful years of service to the industry.



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