As Autumn approaches you may be looking to kit yourself out with some new work wear. Before you look any further check out the exciting range of clothing and footwear from the BIGGA Collection from Stylo Matchmakers.

Stylo, who are also a Golden Key Supporter of the Association, have developed a range of BIGGA work wear which is competitively priced and designed to suit anyone working in the greenkeeping profession. All the clothing available is made to the highest specification in durable materials - offering working comfort as well as practicality. All items subtly feature the BIGGA logo.

While all the garments and footwear available represent exceptionally good value for money - they have also been designed to be stylish and practical for general leisure as well as work use.

Did you see the special offers?

Both the July and August editions of Greenkeeper International carried special offers on the current 1999 range. In July, if you bought a Hurricane Waterproof Jacket, you received a FREE workshirt, worth £14.95, which is made from 100% brushed cotton and is ideal to wear in all weather conditions. Also, there was a special value deal, pay only £25, when you purchased a pair of poly/cotton trousers AND a sweatshirt, and save over £6. The offers didn't end there! Look at your membership to BIGGA.

Trevor Downing of J Rothschild Assurance introduces the first in a series of articles on protection, investment, pensions and mortgage planning which we believe will be of much benefit to BIGGA members.

Are you paying too much for your mortgage?

'As we are all aware, interest rates are extremely low at the moment, having reached levels not seen since the middle 60s. How long they will remain this low is anybody's guess. Many commentators are suggesting that they will actually go lower, aligning more with European rates.

This is bad news for individuals relying on their investment income from deposits, but good news for anyone with a mortgage. Mortgage rates have not been this low for around 20 years or more!

As an investor, this is causing people to review where they put their money, particularly long-term money. On the other hand, if you are a borrower, the news could not be better. Although I am told by greenkeepers who are extremely low at the moment, are much higher than they need to be. This is simply throwing money down the drain.

During July, BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, Tracey Maddison welcomed over 65 new members to the Association. Read on to find out about another service offered to you through your membership to BIGGA.

For a copy of the full brochure contact the Membership Department at HQ on 01347 833800 and we will only be too happy to send you one.

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