BIGGA's Master Greenkeeper John Wells MG provides his tip to help you in your course management.

Avoiding fusarium patch

The autumn months are when many inland courses suffer from fusarium patch.

My simple tip is always carry out dew removal on the greens, including after light frosts, and always include the collar of the green as often fusarium will start in the collar before spreading to the green.

We at Brocket Hall Golf Club have two forms of dew removal, which are:

1. When cutting the greens we always finish off by putting the mowers out of cut and running them round the collar to remove the dew.
2. We use a large dewy brush, which again takes in the collar as well as the green.

This is a very simple but effective way to aid in disease control.