COUNTRYSIDEWIDE T&A TEAM INVESTS IN EXPERIENCE

Countrywide is delighted to announce the addition of Roger Clark to its Turf & Amenity team.

Roger will be supporting customers throughout Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

“Roger has held key roles at some of the UK’s top golf clubs and brings a tremendous breadth of knowledge to our customers.” says Sam Honeyborne, Turf & Amenity Manager for Countrywide.

“His knowledge over 21 years, spans the entire turf and amenity sector, combining both technical sales and practical knowledge and skills. I have no doubt that he will become a key member of our growing team of dedicated turf professionals and will be valued by customers and colleagues alike.”

GROWING PLACES

Following a challenging trading year for the amenity market in general, industry leader Rigby Taylor is delighted to announce a sales growth of almost 6% for the year ending July 2013. A number of company initiatives were at the heart of this growth including a record supply arrangement of total herbicides to Network Rail, new product developments including the Microline macro granule turf fertiliser range and a dynamic, company rebranding programme.

Planning for the future with great optimism, a strategy has been implemented in preparation for planned additional growth this year and beyond with a move to a larger warehousing premises in Stallingborough, North Lincolnshire. This move, at a stroke, provides increased capacity of some 15% over the existing site at Horwich and, offers the flexibility for further expansion.

The new warehouse facility will be up and running from the end of October and reflects a new sales office within Horwich. As regards the company’s other regional warehousing and office facilities, the Newbridge branch near Edinburgh has recently entered into a joint venture with a local warehousing and office facility in Fife providing excellent stocking and supply arrangements throughout southern Scotland and South Wales.

Only recently Rigby Taylor returned to SALTEX after five year absence to launch a number of new products and machines which will be attending BTME 2014.

Following the success of the launch of Kubota’s F3680, the tractor and groundcare specialist has introduced a Lasteq 100-inch flex mower deck for use with the unit, to provide superior groundcare performance.

The 100-inch mower deck, called the 100-EXF, is exclusively available on Kubota’s F3680 as this model has the ideal homower requirements for a 100-inch cut width.

The solution has been designed so all the deck pans articulate independently 15 degrees up and down to follow the ground contour with walk-moreover precision, which reduces the possibilities of scalping.

Other features include hydraulic operated fold-down wheels to minimise widths for transport and an adjustable deck height ranging from 1-inch to 4.5 inches with no tooling requirement.

Adjustable internal baffling also allows for standard rear discharge or mulch to optimise performance in a variety of positions.

Adrian Langmead, Business Development Manager at Kubota, commented: “The introduction of the mower deck is part of Kubota’s ongoing commitment to add value to every product along with the service we provide our customers to ensure they can complete their work efficiently and effectively.”

“The patented Lasteq design integrates five 21-inch mower pans, uniquely pinned together and belt driven, giving a 100-inch wide cut with the precision of a 21-inch walk-behind mower. For turf professionals, this means a larger area can be cut in a shorter space of time, saving users valuable time and money.”

The F3680 has been designed with a tilt up hood, easy to clean integrated radiator screen and dual element air filter meaning maintenance couldn’t be simpler.

The F3680 also includes a host of features to increase operator comfort and reduce fatigue, such as hydrostatic power steering, deluxe adjustable seat, conveniently positioned operator levers and a single HST pedal resulting in longer, more productive periods of operation. A wide choice of products on the market reviewed

Among a range of new product launches from Etesia this autumn are two high quality professional rotary mowers, two dynamic pedestrian lawn mowers and a new revolutionary electric wheelbarrow.

The PKCTM 46cm and LKCGM 53cm models join the Etesia range. Both machines are available with matching inserts ensuring that users can use one machine for a multitude of different tasks – cut and collect, cut and drop or mulch. The PKCTM model in a single speed machine equipped with a 6HP Kawasaki FX680 engine and comes complete with a long range fuel tank making it ideal for mobile grass cutting teams that require a machine to last all day without re-fuelling, whilst the LKCGM model is equipped with a 8HP Kawasaki FX800 engine and has three speeds – 2.7, 3.5 and 4.5km/h.

Completing the new product launches is the new revolutionary 100% electric wheelbarrow which is available with a range of attachments that can tackle a wide variety of jobs.