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Soil tests should also be completed to determine any lime requirement or major nutrient deficiency and appropriate corrective action taken. Any lime necessary is applied at some convenient time during the cultivations but the fertiliser is withheld until just before turfing.

Having completed the bulk of the work by, say, August the site can now be cultivated at intervals to clear it of weeds until October. Of course, if adequate watering facilities are available it is possible to carry straight on and turf the green. However, turfing usually commences when weather and ground conditions are favourable from the first week in October. A fine, smooth and evenly firmed turf bed should be prepared to the levels and contours desired by alternate hand raking and heeling. During this work any surface stones or other rubbish would be removed. The final operation is to spread and rake in the fertiliser.

Turf lifting these days is best done mechanically and many contractors have a suitable machine available for hire. The work is done quickly with the minimum of damage and a uniform end product is assured; this eases laying considerably. The turf should be laid with broken joints, each turf being closely butted to the adjoining turves. It is best to work from boards placed on turf already laid so that the prepared soil surface is not disturbed. The necessary materials should be transported over boards so that newly laid turf is not subject to direct traffic.

On completion the green should be given a light rolling using a 5 cwt hand roller. A sandy compost is then applied at the rate of about 4-5 lb per sq yd, and thoroughly worked into the surface.

The major work is now over but the green is by no means in a playable condition. Self congratulation should be reserved until an acceptable putting surface has been created.

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