The trial of permeable soil mixes, mentioned in the previous Report has continued and results have been written up by a member of the Soil Science Unit of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth for the 1973 Journal.

## (ii) Advisory

The outstanding problem on the maintenance side was undoubtedly that associated with excess of fibre (mat or thatch) at the surface of fine turf areas such as golf greens and bowling greens. An associated problem was the rather frequent occurrence of a fungal condition in which certain basidiomycetes attacked the fibre in patches and caused uneven surfaces.

## (iii) Education and Publications

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