

Blakedown... Great Oaks from... Little Acorns

...Blakedown began life in 1968 as an offshoot of a successful wholesale nursery stock producer. Twenty-one years later, with a turnover approaching ten million pounds the company has a wide range of sportsground and golf course contracts throughout the United Kingdom.

Based in Hartlebury, Worcestershire, Blakedown Landscapes, the parent company, has specifically sited offices throughout the country and over 300 employees. The management team have years of experience in landscaping and leisure industries and are able to bring a high degree of expertise and efficient management to every contract.

Blakedown Landscapes was a founder member of the British Association of Landscape Industries and is a member of the British Association of Golf



18th green and lake constructed at Botley Golf and Country Club

the existing course and the work was carried out during the summer months with a minimum of disturbance to play. The club appreciated the lack of

acres of land to improve the layout of the course and practice ground facilities. Blakedown constructed three new greens and tee complexes and fairways to a design and specification agreed between the company and the club. The club then had further alterations to tees made during the contract.

Blakedown have recently completed the construction of an 18 hole course at Botley, near Southampton to a design by Cedric Lisney and Partners of Bath for Mecca leisure. The work involved all the usual aspects of construction greens tees, fairways, bunkers, tree planting and also included the formation of lakes, bridges and stream re-alignment, as well as the installation of an irrigation system. The course is due to open for play in June 1990.

Peter Jenkins confirms that Blakedown Sports is uniquely placed with its spread of regional offices and considerable experience, to play its full part in satisfying the boom in golf course construction that is foreseen for the 1990s.



One of the new greens at Vicars Cross

Course Constructors.

Blakedown undertakes the construction of all types of sports facilities from Tennis Courts to complete golf courses, including the drainage and earthworks and the finished surfaces either natural or artificial. Blakedown Sports was founded in 1988 in response to the demand for all-weather playing surfaces, and as the focus for all the sports orientated activities of the group has become one of the fastest growing areas of the business. Based in Middlewich, Cheshire and headed by Peter Jenkins the company designs and builds natural and synthetic pitches for a variety of sporting needs.

They are very active in golf course construction and recent contracts have included the building of an additional six greens, tee, and fairways to a design by Hawtree & Sons at Bedale Golf Club, North Yorkshire. 2 of the new greens and tees were within

inconvenience and extended the contract to include further alterations and additional tee work within the contract period.

Vicars Cross Golf Club, near Chester, an established 18 hole parkland course, purchased an additional 15



Tee and fairway construction at Botley Golf and Country Club