

First Southport Turfgrass & Sports Exhibition

More than 80 companies - including major British firms and leading overseas enterprises have already confirmed that they will be exhibiting at the first ever Sports and Leisure Exhibition to be held at Southport's Victoria Park on 13th and 14th May, 1986.

The Exhibition, organised by The Institute of Groundsmanship, in association with the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton, will be showing such items as tractors, trucks and trailers; turf-care machinery and equipment; seeds, trees and shrubs; fertilisers and chemicals; playground equipment; outdoor furniture; and other goods and services of vital interest to the sports and leisure industry professional, including golf courses.

A major section of the Exhibition will be devoted to education and training, with Members of the Institute's own Education Committee giving advice on various courses which take place throughout the UK, and explaining the developing opportunities which exist for young people interested in entering a career in groundsmanship. In addition leading colleges - including Cheshire College of Agriculture, Evesham College of Further Education and Hampshire College of Agriculture, Lancashire College of Agriculture and Horticulture and Somerset College of Agriculture and Horticulture - will be taking part.

A large area has been set aside for practical demonstrations, so greenkeepers will be able to see and experience the latest mechanical developments in action.

This unique gathering - the industry's first such event in the North-West - will enable visitors to see and discuss the whole range of equipment, services and techniques of interest to groundsmen, greenkeepers, landscape architects, Local Authority amenity staff and sports centre administrators.

Special complimentary admission tickets have been sent to sports and clubs and associations, schools and colleges throughout the North-West, and some 4,000 visitors are expected. Catalogues will be available at the gate at a cost of £1.50, and extensive car parking facilities are available at £1.00 per vehicle, though coaches will be accommodated free-of-charge.

The Exhibition will be open from 10 am till 7 pm on Tuesday 13th May, and from 9 am till 4.30 pm on Wednesday 14th May.

To celebrate the event of a festive programme is being mounted which will include a reception for exhibitors at the Scarisbrick Hotel on Sunday evening, 11th May; an exhibition Golf Tournament at Royal Birkdale in aid of local charities on Monday 12th May; a Civic Reception in Southport's Floral Hall that same evening; a visit to the Exhibition by The Mayor and Mayoress of Southport at 11.30 am on Tuesday 13th May; and special awards for outstanding stand design and layout.

Provisional dates for the 1987 Southport Sports and Leisure Exhibition have now been announced: 12th and 13th May 1987.

Where to stay for the National Tournament

This year's National Tournament at Billingham Golf Club hosted by the Cleveland Section, offers to visitors and contestants the opportunity to explore one of Britain's most attractive areas.

Within a few miles of the golf course are the coastal resorts of Redcar, Staithes, and Whitby. From the popular Ship Inn at Old Saltburn on the A174 to Whitby, the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Heritage Coast stretches thirty-six miles almost to Scarborough.

Inland the North Yorkshire Moors of open heather rise to 1,400 feet above sea level. These extensive areas of moorland separated by deeply incised dales give the area its distinctive character. Castles and Abbeys abound for those who are intrigued by the history surrounding these ancient buildings.

There can surely be no better place than Cleveland for a base from which to visit the many attractions of the North of England. Spectacular countryside and historic towns are all within easy reach of the county.

Cleveland offers a wide variety of accommodation to suit all budgets, and it is sure to appeal to the more discerning visitor who prefers to avoid the headache of finding somewhere to stay in the more crowded traditional tourist centres.

Accommodation

There is a wide choice of accommodation in Cleveland, ranging from modern hotels to traditional guest houses. There are a number of caravan sites in the region, most of which provide facilities for touring caravans and camping.

Although there are many hotels and guest houses to the east of Billingham most of the tournament contestants prefer to stay within a few minutes of the golf course because of the early morning starting times and as a guide to accommodation in the Stockton and Billingham area we are listing addresses with price ranges supplied by the Cleveland Tourist Office.

Further details can be obtained by writing to the Northumbrian Tourist Board at:-

9 Osbourne Terrace, Jesmond,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE2 1NT
or the Tourist Office for Cleveland at:-
125 Albert Road, Middlesbrough.

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