

Sunningdale – now and then

As a fascinating lead-in to Jim Arthur's article (see page 18) on conservation, Greenkeeper has compiled this series of photographs, which illustrates admirably the development of a prime example of inland golfing territory. The earlier pictures were taken in the late 1920s – our matching views are this summer's vintage.



Above and left: the 4th green and 5th hole at Sunningdale, showing unrelieved, dark avenues of conifers encroaching.

Facing page: the two photos of Sunningdale's magnificent clubhouse and the famous oak tree could well be captioned 'from little acorns, mighty oaks do grow...' One Joshua Crane putts out on the 12th in the 1927 Seniors' Championship. This view shows golf in the open heath. Today, it's more like golf in a wood and where is the heather now?

