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B eware the burglar, the damage he causes is not always just to property!

Intruders broke into our equipment store overnight recently, smashing the radiator on a tractor, spraying tins of marker paint on the walls and discharging a fire extinguisher. Upon entering the shed I discovered that the chemical cabinet had also been ripped open and without delay summoned the police. They arrived and did what they had to do before asking us to assess any loss.

The shed was in such a mess that we had to start at one side and work our way around. Only after 45 minutes did we reach the cabinet, discovering that a number of Phostoxin tablets were missing.

I informed the police immediately, having left instruction that the shed was OOB, as we had discovered two tablets on the floor, exuding toxic fumes as they reacted with the radiator leakage.

An hour later three of my staff were taken ill and an ambulance was summoned. The Fire Service was also contacted and three appliances attended. Some 45 minutes later I also was overcome by sickness.

For a while we were all on the critical list, needing oxygen overnight and some put on heart monitors – a spell in hospital was deemed necessary for us all.

The Local Authority Health & Safety officer has given us (the club) a clean bill as far as storage, security, assessments and handling was concerned, declaring us to be blameless.

The moral of this tale? Should my sheds be broken into in the future, I will be wearing protective clothing when I enter to check damage or loss. According to the doctors, my staff and I are lucky to have survived.

The police have charged three men with the offence of breaking and entering and causing damage... but there is no charge that we can bring against them for what happened to us.

GORDON MITCHELL Head Greenkeeper, Westwood Golf Club, Leek, Staffordshire

On behalf of the Northern region may I thank those members who gave freely of their time at BTME, acting as stewards and working on our regional stand. Everyone did an excellent job, behaved most courteously and appeared smartly turned-out – indeed, they were a credit to our Association.

To those not familiar with the BTME, the first people encountered by visitors as they enter the exhibition are the BIGGA stewards, our front-line ambassadors. I see it as vitally important that they present themselves well for the good of the Association. The whole event was a great success and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Well done lads! May I have your names for next year please?

BOB LUPTON

Northern Regional Administrator, Shipley, W Yorkshire

ay I use the columns of Greenkeeper International to thank the many kind people, too numerous to mention or respond to individually, who contacted me following my husband Norman's untimely death on 6 February?

The huge numbers of letters, cards and floral tributes that were sent gave true indication of Norman's popularity, especially within BIGGA, and I was deeply moved that so many people were thinking of him – and me – at this time. I am sincerely grateful.

Linda Exley Northwood Golf Club, Northwood,Middlesex

read with interest the letter from the president of Boldmere Golf Club concerning the condition of public golf courses in the Birmingham area and the sorry tale he told. I must point out that

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