



BIGGA's Membership Services Officer, Tracey Maddison, welcomes almost 80 new members to the Association and highlights some interesting facts regarding Direct Debit

Do you do it by Direct Debit?

BIGGA now operate a Direct Debit scheme, offering members the opportunity to spread their payments over 10 months rather than having to find their membership fee in one lump sum. This facility is available for all members, and extra application forms are always available from the membership department, here at BIGGA HOUSE.

Did you know...

- Usage of Direct Debit has grown fourfold over the last ten years.
- Almost 32 million people in the UK now use Direct Debit.
- People pay an average of six bills by Direct Debit.
- To use the Direct Debit Scheme, a customer must usually hold a current account with one of the UK's Banks or Building Societies.

What is Direct Debit?

Direct Debit is a simple, safe and speedy way to pay regular bills and subscriptions automatically from your bank account.

How do I set up a Direct Debit with BIGGA to pay my membership fees?

You will need to obtain from BIGGA, and then complete, a Direct Debit Instruction and return it to BIGGA together with your membership form. BIGGA currently works with a company called Premium Credit and will send your completed Direct Debit Instruction to them to forward onto your bank authorising them to make payments from your account to BIGGA. Your payments will be spread over a 10 month period and will commence on the 1st of the following month from your membership start date e.g. Membership expiry date 31st May, therefore membership start date is 1st June, Direct Debit will commence 1st July.

STOP PRESS

BIGGA now have a brand new supply of waterproof suits in stock. Sizes available are Medium, Large, Extra Large and Extra Extra Large and they are in navy and consist of a jacket with matching trousers with a drawstring waistband. Contact the Membership Department for more details or to make an order.



Tel: 01347 833800 Email: membership@bigga.co.uk

The Direct Debit mandate form is very easy to complete, as you can see from the example below:

What do I do if I already pay by Direct Debit?

Your payments will continue. However, BIGGA will send out a renewal pack with a renewal form approximately one month prior to your expiry date. Your renewal form will be stamped as an "Existing D/D Account" and you will need to check all your details are correct and make any changes necessary, complete the reverse part of the form regarding payment, ticking the box indicating that you wish to continue with this method of payment, obtain a Golf Club stamp or some other form of authorisation that you are a working greenkeeper at the Club, sign and return to BIGGA.

Can I cancel a Direct Debit?

If you need to cancel the Direct Debit, simply write to

your Bank or Building Society, but don't forget to send BIGGA a copy so they can update their files. However, if you do cancel your membership halfway through your membership year please contact BIGGA to advise them of this.

June's Monthly Membership Draw Winner

Just introduce one or more new greenkeeping members to BIGGA and your name will be placed into a draw to win a fantastic BIGGA sportswatch. Our congratulations go to June's winner, Alexander Donaghy of Erskine GC.



BIGGA welcomes ...

Scottish Region

Ian Flint, North
William C Hudson, East
Michael A Mann, North
Robert McCulloch, Ayrshire
Christopher Pryde, West
Martin R Smith, North
David Sterricks, East

Bryn Roberts, N Wales
Mark Smith, Sheffield
Martin Thompson, N Wales
Stan Todd, N West
Andrew Turner, N Wales
Paul S Wood, Northern
Matthew J Young, N Wales

Midland Region

Ian A Brown, E Midland
Leon J Dalton, E Midland
Craig K Hallam, E Midland
Daniel Hashie, BB&O
James E Hearn, BB&O
Andrew J Hill, BB&O
Lionel Jewkes, E Midland
Graham Partridge, E Midland
David B Pritchard, BB&O
Peter D Stokes, E Midland

South East Region

Ronald K Ansall, Sussex

Kenneth A Bagnall, Surrey
Tony Brace, Surrey
Richard A Constable, Surrey
Alan Elliott, Surrey
Kenneth A Herbert, Surrey
Simon P Lambert, Sussex
Jon Linscoe, Sussex
Mark Logan, Sussex
Gary A Rowe, Surrey
Jamie Stewart, Surrey
Graham R Thatcher, Surrey
Luke Thompson, Surrey
Darren Wales, Surrey

S West & S Wales Region

John Batchelor, S West
David Baugh, S Coast
Martin Frost, S West
Robert W Hughes, S Wales
Richard M Newton, S Wales
William Owen, Dev & C'wall
Derek A Ross, S Coast
Wyn Selby, S Wales

Northern Ireland

Gary Johnston
Andrew Wray

Republic of Ireland

Trevor Norris

International Members

Willy Harder, Denmark

Golden Key Members

Tim Lawrence, AGCO Ltd
Phil Evans, AGCO Ltd

Associate Members

Dr Mike Canaway, N West
Phil Greenway, Midland
David H Bates, Midland
Philip Newcombe, BB&O

Phil Sharp, BB&O
Charles E Worsfold, Kent

Student Members

Christopher Griffiths, N West
James Liversidge, Sheffield
David McCaffrey, N Wales
Ross J Sullivan, Northern
Daniel Sullivan, Sheffield
Ben Bouchier, Midland
Andrew J Turner, Midland
Matthew N Chatterton, Dev & C'wall
Christopher Moran, N Ireland



Profile

Usually the spotlight falls on the Course Manager or Head Greenkeeper at a Club.

Now it is the turn of those whose work often goes unheralded to star.



Name: Richard Love

Club: Kilmacolm GC

Position: Apprentice

Age: 21

1. How long have you been a greenkeeper?

Two and a half years

2. What education are you currently undertaking?

Finished Level 2 and 3 at GOSTA over the winter

3. Which one task do you most enjoy doing?

Cutting approaches

4. Which one task do you most dislike doing?

Divoting fairways

5. What job other than greenkeeping might you have ended up doing?

Professional golfer

6. Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

Ronnie Bunting

7. What would you do to improve the life of a greenkeeper?

Beter working conditions, pay and education

8. What are your hobbies?

Golf and socialising

9. What do you get out of BIGGA?

Interesting magazine and golf days

10. What do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?

Working abroad, maybe on a golf course

