

Greenkeeper International takes a look at the news and the very latest products and services available from the fine turf industry

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New seed concept from Cebeco

An innovative new concept that combines top quality perennial rye grasses with a phased release fertiliser is poised to help golf course, amenity and sports turf managers who are under pressure to renovate turf. Nutriseed, developed by specialist seed breeder and leading amenity seed company Cebeco Seeds, has already been independently tested by both the STRI and Holland's national Institute of Sport in Papendal. They both recorded a faster emergence and a higher turf density.

The perennial rye grasses used in Nutriseed are Cebeco's best varieties, all of which are listed in the STRI Grass Seed Guide for use on winter sports pitches. The fertiliser is a phased combination of fast and slower working nitrogen, together with a specialist formulation of phosphate compounds giving higher absorption rates. A combination of nitrogen with phosphate, potassium, magnesium and iron provide an ideal relationship between growth and development. By offering fertiliser at this crucial early stage, exactly where it is needed, uptake of nutrients is optimised. The leaching out of Nitrogen can also be an issue, as the fertiliser is normally on top of the playing surface. The phosphate can also directly influence the growing process, since this is an essential element for the seedling phase and the development of the roots. So by overseeding, an existing sward that has insufficient phosphate can also be improved.

For further information
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Nairn Brown appoints Robert as new MD

Robert McEwan has been appointed as Managing Director of Nairn Brown Ltd, John Deere's commercial & consumer equipment dealership for the west of Scotland, based at Busby near Glasgow.

Robert has been with the company since 1974, and has been closely involved with its transition over the past few years from retail and distribution, to professional and commercial machinery sales and service.

Nairn Brown, who started the business in 1965, is remaining as Chairman. "I am particularly pleased to hand over the day to day running of the company to Robert, who is a first-class organiser and knows the business inside out. In turn, he is very lucky to have a well focused and knowledgeable staff behind him. Our business has been transformed since we became John Deere grounds care dealers in 1996, and Robert has played a major part in this development."

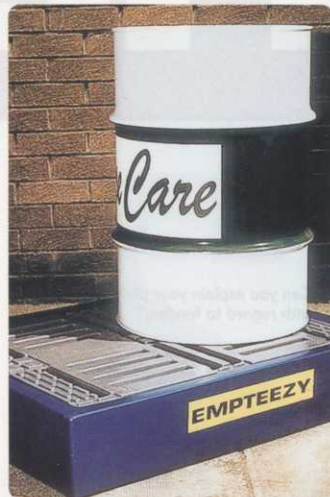
Safe storage from Empteezy

A new range of polyethylene can trays, provide a compact, convenient and safe storage solution for 25 litre drums of liquids used in agricultural and horticultural environments, has been introduced by drum storage and waste handling specialist Empteezy Limited.

Made from tough, medium density polyethylene, the can trays have broad band chemical compatibility, and with three models in the range, providing a safe bunded storage area for either one, two or four 25 litre drums, they are ideal in areas where space is limited.

The smaller can trays CAN25 and CAN50 have a 27.5 litre sump capacity while the CAN 100 has a 100 litre capacity. All models have a plastic deck to ensure that the drum does not come into contact with any liquid. With delivered (mainland UK) prices from £57.50 these latest addition to Empteezy's range provides a simple, cost-effective way for you to comply with the new Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations, Duty of Care and environmental audit standards such as ISO 14001.

For further information
 Tel: 01506430309



Shibaura's new Greens mower

Shibaura's 560mm (22") greens mower closely follows ground contours. Designed to give a championship finish on courses, the mower has a 127mm (5") diameter, 11 blade cutting reel. To avoid compacting the grass, the front roller is grooved - giving a cleaner, sharper cut which helps to keep the sward healthy. The interlocking groomer, which rotates clockwise or anti-clockwise, can be disengaged completely if turf conditions require it.

The greens mower's fixed head design allows a true cutting height between 3.2mm and 25mm to be achieved. An angled bottom blade is offset to reduce turf stress - and a minimum cutting height of 2.8mm can be attained if the optional tournament blade is fitted.

Powered by a 4.0hp Robin single cylinder OHV, air cooled engine,



there is a 3.6 litres petrol fuel tank. Ideal for professional use, the strong mower has a frame manufactured from pressed steel and a polyethylene grass collector.

For further information
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Feeling the pressure?

With the increasing demands put on farmers for cleanliness and better farm hygiene in mind Allman has added to its range of petrol driven high pressure washers.

The new range consists of five models ranging from a low cost budget 4HP 1750 PSI unit through to a heavy duty commercial 13HP 3500 PSI industrial class cold water washer, with three intermediate models in between. Each model is powered by proven Honda 4 stroke petrol engines mounted on rubber anti



vibration blocks and are direct coupled to a Comet high performance piston pumps. These units are in turn mounted on twin wheeled trolley units with tubed pneumatic tyres, thus making them very portable and easy to wheel about. Quick connect spray tips mounted onto the lances allow the operator to switch from one type of jet to another.

For further information
 Tel: 01243 512511

Low vibrations from Tanaka

Farm & Garden Machinery has introduced the NEW Tanaka TBC 4200DLV - with special Low-Vib handle system - which has been independently put through its paces under full operating conditions.

Local authorities and professionals will appreciate the significant reduction that has been made to Hand Arm Vibration (HAMS) levels on this 40cc brush cutter, allowing safe and comfortable use for extended periods. Tanaka builds quality into its range of power equipment from the inside out.

HSE Solutions applied the latest standards of ISO 5349 Part 2 when

independently testing the cutter - they used three different operators to test the machine under three different sets of working conditions.

Results proved highly favourable, achieving an average of 2.1m/s² when using the CH100 alloy head. An operator could use the machine for more than eleven hours without risk of exposure to HAMS.

Totally committed to supplying innovative products at very affordable prices, the NEW TBC 4200DLV costs just £489 incl VAT.

For further information
 Tel: 0800 389 5057



Kawasaki unveil latest ATV development

The latest development in ATV technology from Kawasaki has just arrived in the UK.

The KVF360-A has it all for the working market and sits right in the middle of of the Kawasaki model line-ups.

"This machine has everything the working market has been asking for and as far as we're concerned, it's another winner and a machine that's going to take some beating," enthused Jack Ford, European Sales and Marketing Manager for Kawasaki Commercial Products.

"Its all-round specification has been improved and with the performance and reliability just getting better and better, the working agricultural, local authority, utility and equestrian markets are in for a very pleasant surprise," he added.

The 362 cc (hp), four-stroke, single cylinder automatic comes with engine braking as well as an internal rear braking system. This development is designed to enhance the braking capabilities and handling



characteristics when riding on steep downhill gradients.

Following the arrival on the UK ATV scene of Kawasaki's, KVF650-A last summer, the launch of the KVF360-A is regarded as a natural

addition to the family with its bigger brother attracting the attention of the heavyweight ATV sectors.

**For further information
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New rotary mower in line-up from Claymore

Included in the Claymore 2002 line up, is the Stella RD-56 Pro. This high performance and incredibly tough rotary mower sets new standards for the professional user where reliability and high productivity are paramount.

The RD-56 is a rear discharge 55cm (22in) cut machine powered by a Honda GXV270 5.5hp four stroke OHV industrial engine. Three forward and one reverse speeds are provided through a heavy gear shift transmission and differential axle.

A unique feature is the third speed being a transport gear, so when selected it automatically cuts out the blade drive and reduces the engine speed to tick over.

The high gearing still allows the machine to travel quickly yet quietly to the next cutting area. Selecting

a mowing gear reverts the unit back to normal use.

Height of cut is adjustable through four settings from 28-75mm. Big 7 litre fuel tank cuts refuelling time and adjustable ergonomic handlebars provide operator comfort.

Large diameter 270x75mm rear wheels make child's play of rougher areas and the belt drive system ensures crankshaft protection in the event of sudden obstacles being encountered. A high degree of manoeuvrability is achieved through the fitting of front swivelling 175 x 45mm castor wheels.

A large 95 litre capacity grass catcher is supplied as standard all for a RRP of £1695 plus VAT.

**For further information
Tel: 01865 820731**



Local solution for Ganton

Ganton GC has recently taken delivery of their new 400 litre demount unit, which has been specially designed for their Cushman Workman, by Vale Engineering (York) Limited.

Ganton was introduced to Vale Engineering by David Kerr, of Cropwise Limited, who manages the Amenity Division and provides technical information and supplies amenity products to the club.

"When Philip Baldock, Head Greenkeeper at Ganton Golf Club approached me regarding a new sprayer, I thought that Vale Engineering (York) Limited would be the better option for him, simply because you get a sprayer built to suit your requirements, rather than the

customer having to adapt to suit the manufacturer's specification."

Vale Engineering (York) Limited specialise in the building of bespoke spraying equipment in the Amenity Sector.

"Vale Engineering are in the fortunate position of not being tied into one single component manufacturer, this means that we can cherry pick the most suitable components to the customers requirements," said James Wilson, Design Engineer for Vale Engineering.

Ganton's new sprayer is a 400 litre demount with 4.5 metre shrouded booms it has a clean water wash tank system with twin wash heads, a bout marker, electric controls and stainless steel induction hopper.



"We selected Vale Engineering to supply our new sprayer as they were able to build to our specifications at a very competitive price. The fact that they are a local company was also important when placing our order. In effect, we bought a bespoke sprayer at an 'off the peg' price!" said Philip Baldock.

New Selby-based Managers for Textron

Textron Golf, Turf and Specialty Products have strengthened their new Selby branch operation with the introduction of two new Area Sales Managers, Glen Sawyer and Theo Wilson, who will be responsible for territories that encompass South, West and North Yorkshire.



Above: Glen (left) and Theo (right)

Glen Sawyer has 15 years experience in the grounds care industry and joins the company from machinery specialists K & M Mowers of Hull, where he was Area Sales Manager with responsibility for South and West Yorkshire.

Theo Wilson joins the Textron team from Renault Agriculture where he worked in a similar area sales management role. He has been in the grounds care industry for many years, in fact, from the age of fifteen when he left school to join the family business. He then formed and ran his own company for eight years before joining Gibsons Machinery Sales, where he was a colleague of Glen Sawyer.

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New dealer appointed

Bomford has appointed IAM Agricultural Machinery Ltd as its exclusive distributor for the whole of Ireland.

Bomford's, market-leading range of 3-point linkage/axle bracket mounted equipment and the products will compliment its new distributor's existing agriculture machinery business. Extensive product, parts and service training will be provided to the distributor and their dealer network at Bomford's training centre at Salford Priors.

New base for Rickerby

Rickerby Limited, the Textron dealer for northern England, southwest Scotland and the Borders, has moved its grounds care service centre from Dumfries to Castle Douglas, as part of its West Coast improvement initiative. The new facility, which is 18 miles west of the previous service centre, is now located in a more central position within the southern Scotland territory. The new site offers a broader range of services including a full grinding workshop and larger workshop space, specifically for major repairs and winter overhauls.

The relocation means that Rickerby Limited now have Service Centres based in Castle Douglas, Carlisle, Hexham and Alnwick.