

Turf, Turf Everywhere

Fine turf is popping up in the strangest of places thanks to new technology, as Gareth Jones found out.

The global population is ever increasing. There are over 6.8 billion living souls in the world, at the time of writing, although some of that figure will resemble more zombie than human as they attempted to recover from another exhilarating, successful and hectic Harrogate Week. With this continually rising amount of people needing somewhere to rest their weary heads, the demand for new housing has dramatically exploded. These dwellings have to be built somewhere and as a result it's not poa annua that should be feared of dominating our grass types - its concrete.

Large green fields are becoming extinct as grey carpets of cement are laid across the globe as the base for new urban jungles. Schools are selling their playing fields - poor little Jimmy has nowhere to practice his football anymore - and farmers are releasing their property to developers to solve income troubles. It all adds up. Currently, the backdrop to many lives is not colourful natural fields - it's dark man made walls. We are at a very real point where the only way to see grass is next to a Viking relic in a natural history museum.

The good news is that the turf is fighting back. Fed up with being destroyed by concrete, the green is now taking over the grey. Advances in technology have resulted in a resurgence of grass in previous barren areas of large cities. New turf products, such as Lindum's Grassfelt, mean that lovely soft turf can be laid practically anywhere - brightening up otherwise dull, dead land.

Being grown on a biodegradable felt has resulted in grass becoming a living carpet - a feature that can be utilised wherever you care to look. It is not just the obvious areas, such as the golf course or football pitch, that are benefiting from an injection of new technology in fine turf. Places where you would never have dreamt turf could be laid are now covered in lush green grass. That's just the way we like it!



Yum, a nice big Wedding Cake - This grass sculpture can be found in the courtyard of the Marriott Hotel, Westminster



Lindum's Grassfelt used in steel sculptures as part of Yorkshire Forward's 'The Green' project



Anyone for tennis?



This courtyard looks so much better with a nice living sward



Fine turf isn't just for the golf course - it really can do anything



You aren't seeing things - that really is grass in the middle of London