

DRIP DRIP DROP LITTLE APRIL SHOWER...

Spring is here! Time to discard your winter warmers in favour of some stylish new lightweight workwear. Melissa Jones looks at some of the latest clothing options...

The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 requires that personal protective equipment is supplied and used at work wherever there are risks to health and safety that cannot be adequately controlled by other means.

However, that doesn't mean you can't look good while you work! Safety Sunglasses protect your eyes while keeping you looking fashionable, polo shirts, available in a variety of colours and with club logos, give informal workwear a stylish edge and there are a number of improved fabrics on the market right now with many trendy lightweight jackets offering breathability as well as being waterproof.

Jerzee Colours Poly/Cotton Twill Cargo Workwear Trousers

Price: £4.55 + VAT



This contemporary design boasts an expandable waistband, cargo pocket, back pockets and mobile phone pocket. Available in five colours, the trousers come in a 32 and 34 inch leg.

BIGGA MERCHANDISE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CORPORATE WORKWEAR DIRECT (CWD)



Last year BIGGA announced a new deal with Corporate Workwear Direct (CWD), to supply a new comprehensive range of workwear garments and Personal Protective Equipment.

The range includes polo shirts, fleeces, safety footwear, gloves and high-visibility garments as well as an improved range of top quality waterproof suits.

You can save time and money by ordering direct from BIGGA. We can now offer quicker delivery times and a better range of products direct from stock at more competitive prices.

Check out the BIGGA website for a full list of available products: www.bigga.org.uk An embroidery service is also available.

Receive a free pair of gloves with every 10 BIGGA/CWD items purchased during the month of April.

Jerzee Colours Ripple Collar & Cuff Polo Shirt

Price: £4.55 + VAT



Made of durable fabric and suitable for hard-wearing environments, this ring spun cotton top is suitable for a 60 degree wash. With side vents for ease of fit and reinforced shoulder seams, this lightweight polo shirt is available in 10 colours and ranges in size from XS to 6XL.

Jerzee Colours Full Zip Outdoor Fleece

Price: £11.50 + VAT



Made of high density, heavy weight fabric, this fleece boasts a full length zip, cadet style collar, zip pockets and a waistband with elastic bungee cord and release toggle. Available in eight colours, sizes range from XS to 4XL.

Jerzee Colours The Outlander Water Repellent Jacket

Price: £23.50 + VAT



Caption: Available in three colours, this 100% nylon Oxford shell, 100% polyester quilted fleece lining jacket has a water repellent coating and boasts a cadet collar, Velcro closing flaps at the cuffs and a concealed hood. Sizes range from S to 4XL.

Also available from the BIGGA website (www.bigga.org.uk) are the -

RGPC27 Regatta Safety Glasses

Price: £31.00



As spring creeps up on us and the weather begins to flitters between sunshine and showers, these lightweight, polycarbonate safety sunglasses are ideal for this time of year. They are soft to touch, have non-slip frames/arms, completely protect your eyes against speed particles and provide full UV Protection. Tested to BSEN 166 (1995) and conforming to BS 1836 (1997) CE marked.

From April Showers to Summer Sun...

For greenkeepers who are not prepared to compromise on quality but have a budget that won't stretch to the top-of-the-range Hogg's of Fife Gore-Tex® waterproofs range, Hogg's - Green King range is the perfect alternative.



Green King Long Coat: £48.50



Green King Overtrousers: £20.40



Green King Leggings: £9.95



Green King Gaiters: £8.95

Unique and highly specified technical waterproofs, the Green King™ waterproof range is designed for greenkeepers who need to stay dry even in the toughest weather conditions. All Green King waterproof garments are made using state-of-the-art hardwearing Ripstop™ outer shell fabric with fully taped seams for 100% waterproof protection. The range consists of a long coat with built-in hood, overtrousers, leggings and gaiters.

Mercury V2-ST

Price: £25



Hogg's of Fife can offer 21 different safety boot styles and more than a dozen non-safety styles with 17 of their work boot styles being fully waterproof and breathable. For summer wear, the Mercury V2-ST safety trainer is proving very popular among greenkeepers.

From their modern warehouse facilities, located just a few miles from the Home of Golf, Hoggs of Fife is able to offer all greenkeeper wear from stock. Most clothing lines can be embroidered with your club crest, logo or name as required. Pricing represents unrivalled value for money and BIGGA members are eligible for a 25% discount off the already very keen list prices.

For more information contact Hoggs of Fife Ltd, tel: 01334 653733 or visit: www.gkwear.com

Unpredictable Weather...

The thrill for many greenkeepers is the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and all that comes with it, but with the seasons constantly changing the elements can also provide their own tribulations.

Simon Jersey has woven suggestions and requests into a range of workwear specially designed for greenkeepers.

The company's unisex sweatshirts use a 60% cotton and 40% polyester blend to combine both ease of laundering and comfort into one.

Their gilets and fleeces have been designed specifically for outdoor wear. Keeping out the chill is their number one function, although they have been well designed to offer full manoeuvrability to the wearer. Made of polyester, they also boast anti-pill properties meaning that they're hard-wearing and therefore longer-lasting.

Fleece Jacket

Price: £16.99



Outerwear jackets are available in styles from lightweight waterproofs which can be carried in a bag 'just in case', through to heavyweight affairs with attachable fleece innards. There is also a high-visibility option with reflective stripes for those that need their presence to be known.

Casual, Quilted Jacket

Price: £39.95



New for spring 2008 is a quilted jacket of which Simon Jersey is particularly proud. Not only does the jacket provide warmth on colder days, but it is also waterproof and Teflon-coated meaning that it stays cleaner for longer.

This thinking has also been applied to their combat trousers that feature zips in the trousers allowing them to be cropped at different lengths, meaning warm legs in the winter and fresh legs in the summer.

Trousers

Price: £14.95



Also available are a wide range of items perfect for spring and summer, particularly various styles of polo shirts which are available in both short and long sleeve options, and a fantastic new range of Cotton Traders clothing which can be customised by employers.

Unisex Anti-Pill Fleece Gilet

Price: £11.95



Polo Shirt

Price: £6.95

All are available in a plethora of sizes, contemporary colours and trim options and, using Simon Jersey's embroidery service, garments can be personalised with club names and logos.

For more details visit: www.simonjersey.com or call: 0870 111 8800.