

Whats your Number?

Name: Stephen Fell
Company: Lindum Turf
Position: Managing Director



How long have you been in the industry?
 "24 years."

How did you get into it?
 "On a Nuffield Scholarship visit to New Zealand and Australia in 1984, I met someone who was growing turf on a poor sandy soil and making a great job of marketing it. We decided to have a go."

What other jobs have you done?
 "I qualified as a Chartered Surveyor involved in rural land management and farm buildings in County Durham, managed a farm in France before coming back to manage a large agricultural estate in Kent."

What do you like about your current job?
 "The challenges being thrown up by a changing economic and physical climate, the interesting people I meet, and working with our dedicated and loyal team."

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?
 "Improved grass varieties, greater understanding of soil science and plant nutrition, and the move to mechanised turf harvesting."

What do you like to do in your spare time?
 "Gardening, walking, shooting."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?
 "Watching one of my children growing the business and enjoying the privilege of living on a farm in Yorkshire."

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?
 "Some of my most loyal customers."

What do you consider to be your lucky number?
 "7."

Pick a number
 "14."

Stephen has picked Simon Taylor, from British Seed Houses, to take part in next month's feature.

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