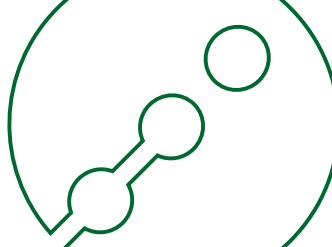


Membership



AN UPDATE FROM BIGGA'S MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

Weekend Leisure Breaks

BIGGA Members can now enjoy great discounts with InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) of at least 25% off weekend stays and up to 35% on Friday and Sunday nights'. The offer is available at participating Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn and Express by Holiday Inn hotels across the UK and Europe from 1 January 2009 until 31 December 2009 so go ahead and treat yourself to a weekend break. To book from the UK call 0870 400 8135 and quote 'Exclusive Rate'. To take advantage of other great offers during the year, please visit www.ichotels.com/exclusive

BIGGA Membership Categories and Annual Subscription Fees

As reported in last month's Greenkeeper International, BIGGA are streamlining their Membership Categories, a full description of the revised membership categories were given in last month's Membership Update and are available on the BIGGA Website.

As of April 1, 2009 the annual subscription fees are as follows:

Category	Annual Fee
Full Member (Category 1A)	£125
Full Member (Category 1B)	£75
Associate Member (Category 2A)	£55
Associate Member (Category 2B)	£27.50
International Member	£90
Student Member	£25
Affiliate Member	£85
Retired Member	£30

Full Member Benefits

After the shock of the economic downturn comes the shakeout of recession, redundancies are not just something you read about in the paper – they're happening to people you know, neighbours, family and friends. If you are a greenkeeper (full) member of BIGGA as part of your membership you have access to a legal helpline who can advise you on all aspects of employment matters. Also, if you are finding yourself under more and more stress then contact the Greenkeepers Support Service, a confidential, professional telephone counseling service which can help you proactively manage stress by providing immediate emotional support.

If you have recently been made redundant and have concerns about renewing your membership subscription please contact our membership team.

This month BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

Scottish Region

Robert Cleisham, West
Greig Easton, Central
Marc Gentles, East
Brian Hunter, East
Euan Little, North
Ross Ovens, East
Nicola Townend, East
Andrew Allan, North
Fraser Baillie, North
Callum Barclay, North
Michael Beaton, East
Thomas Fairfield, North
David Munro, North
Robbie Scott, East

Northern Region

Michael Allister, North West
Barry Askham, Northern
Daniel Cavill, Sheffield
Keith Emery, Northern
Jack Fox, Sheffield
Jordan Gibson, North East
David Golding, North West

Tim Harrison, North West
Graeme Marshall, North West
Edwin Newsham, North East
Lewis Pattinson, Northern
Daniel Reeve, Sheffield
Tim Saville, Sheffield
Sean Stephenson, North West
Jake Stickney, Sheffield
George Turnbull, North East
Phillip Worth, North West

Midland Region

Brendan Clifford, Mid Anglia
Craig Collins, Midland
John Collinson, Midland
Stuart Darby, Mid Anglia
John Edgar, BB&O
David Green, Mid Anglia
Marion Lewis, Midland
Michele Lombardi, BB&O
Alastair MacInnes, BB&O
George Marston, Midland
Gerald Orchard, Mid Anglia
Gerald Orme, Midland
Joe Willcocks, Midland

South East Region

Stephen Batchelor, Kent
Thomas Brooks, East Anglia
Leigh Chapman, East Anglia
Dominic Cheeseman, Surrey

Terry Clark, East Anglia
Mark Clements, East Anglia
Anthony Halligan, London
Harry Harding, Kent
James Kent, East Anglia
Chris Laws, East Anglia
David Ray, Sussex
Stephen Silvester, East Anglia
Richard Southall, East Anglia

S West/S Wales Region

Amanda Biggs, Surrey
Tom Bunt, Devon & Cornwall
Leslie Eldridge, South Coast
Tony Hursey, Devon & Cornwall
Daniel Jenkins, South Coast
Paul Martin, South Coast
Hillery Murphy, Surrey
Andrew Smith, South Coast
Ben Trickett, South Coast
James White, South Wales

N Ireland Region

James Devoy, Northern Ireland

Overseas

Matt Byers, Republic of Ireland

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Other useful telephone numbers (for greenkeeper members only)

Personal Accident Helpline 02075 603013
Greenkeepers Legal Assistance 0800 177 7891
Greenkeepers Support Services 0800 174 319

Thought for the month...

"Adversity is a fact of life. It can't be controlled. What we can control is how we react to it".
Unknown, Source

Whether you are an optimist or a pessimist will matter a great deal as to how you cope with adversity.