



# Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership, provides a departmental update

**We are pleased to advise you of a new benefit offered to BIGGA Full Members and to inform you of an enhancement to the Greenkeepers Support Helpline (Stress helpline).**

## Telephone Debt Counselling Helpline

Managing money well is sometimes overlooked in the pressures of our daily lives. As debt isn't just a finance issue, but one that feeds into all elements of our life, the solutions are wide and varied; whether it's cutting interest costs, budgeting, challenging the legality of our debts, or simply where to find real one-on-one help.

BIGGA Full Members can now talk about any financial concerns or worries through the Arc Legal 24/7 Debt Counselling Helpline.

Expert confidential help is at hand through their trained independent counsellors ready to assist with counselling, support, advice and help.

If your debt is complicated the counsellor can also direct your call to a team of specialist debt experts who will talk through the stages of prioritising the debts and steps to resolution.

Importantly, once you are managing your money concerns the support of the counsellors is available 24/7 to help you find better ways to control future spending and deal with money related issues.

The Debt Counselling Helpline is available to all Full Members, and partners, by calling 0800 174 319 24 hours a day seven days a week 365 days of the year and quote your BIGGA Membership number.

## The Greenkeepers' Support Service (Stress Helpline)

This confidential, professional telephone counselling service is now available to all Full Members and their partner. The Greenkeepers' Support Service can work with a wide range of concerns from emo-

tional issues such as anxiety, stress, depression and low self-esteem to family and relationship issues marital and relationship problems, critical illness and bereavement, this list is not exhaustive.

One telephone call to this helpline could be all that someone needs to begin to manage their own problems and improve their situation.

## EGM 16th June 2009 – Your Vote Counts

If you are eligible to vote then you should have now received your voting form to vote on the integration of sports turf grounds care staff into full membership of BIGGA. If you do not intend on coming along to the EGM on June 16, 2009, then please make sure you use your vote and return your form in the prepaid envelope provided by June 10, 2009.

## Limited Company

On January 21, 2009, the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) passed a resolution at its Annual General Meeting approving the conversion of BIGGA into a company limited by guarantee and authorising the Board of Management (the Current Board) to undertake such actions as are appropriate to facilitate such conversion, for full information see page 9 of this month's GI.

In conjunction with the conversion to a company limited by guarantee, we need your written consent for you to become a member of BIGGA Limited, you will shortly receive an application form in the post.

Please complete and sign the form and return it to Headquarters in the envelope supplied, to arrive no later than June 30, 2009 (Return Date).

*If after reading the article on Page 9 you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact BIGGA HQ.*



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## BIGGA welcomes the following new members...

### Scottish Region

Anthony Jinks, East  
Malcolm Kydd, Central  
Chris Murray, Central  
Lewis Patchett, East  
Colin Qua, Ayrshire  
Craig Richardson, East  
Jamie Robertson, North  
Richard Watt, North

### Northern Region

Ian Gibson, North Wales  
Andrew Jackson, North Wales  
David Povey, North Wales  
Mark Rooney, North Wales  
Neill Sidebotham, North West  
Paul Stanley, North Wales

### Midland Region

Glenn Dyer, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Sam Evans, East Midland  
Graham Henley, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Ralph Holmes, East of England  
Holly Jones, Mid Anglia  
Paul Lawrence, Mid Anglia  
Jonathan Ramsay, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
James Rawlings, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Chris Watts, Mid Anglia  
James Young, Midland

### South East Region

Andrew Offord, East Anglia  
Thomas Openshaw, Surrey  
Ian Pettyfer, Kent  
Roger Pluckrose, Kent  
Tyler Rook, Sussex  
Phil Rowlett, East Anglia  
Michael Stott, Surrey

### S West/S S Wales Region

Phillip Newens, South Coast  
Richard Percy, South Coast  
Christopher Sharp, South Wales  
Sam Starling, South Wales

### Northern Ireland

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## OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS (Greenkeeper Members only)

Personal Accident Helpline  
02075 603013

Greenkeepers Legal Assistance  
0800 177 7891

Greenkeepers Support Services  
0800 174 319

Debt Counselling Helpline  
0800 174319

