

Assistant Profile

Each month we take a light hearted look into the life of an assistant greenkeeper...

Darts lover, Stuart, works at Carholme, or at least he did until his Course Manager reads this! He loves strimming, hates bunker raking and has met David Attenborough...

Name: Stuart Dallas

Age: 22

Golf Club: Carholme Golf Club

Position: Assistant Greenkeeper

Nickname: Dallas



How long have you been greenkeeping?

I have been greenkeeping for about three years now.

What was it about the career that attracted you?

When I left school I worked on a farm and was outside all the time, then I ended up working in a shop I did not like working inside so when the job came up at Carholme golf course I went for it and got it!

If you weren't a greenkeeper what do you think you'd be?

If I was not a greenkeeper I would possibly be working some where outside.

Which task do you most enjoy doing and why?

One of my favourite jobs is strimming. Sad I know but I find it quite therapeutic.

Which task do you least enjoy doing and why?

My least favourite job is raking bunkers. I find this job boring plus I find that alot of our bunkers lack sand thus making it harder to rake them.

What one thing - other than a pay rise - would improve the greenkeepers' lot?

One thing that could improve the greenkeeper's lot would be cheaper spraying solutions, i.e. for chafer grubs which our course suffers from a lot and is quite expensive to keep control of (or maybe a new course manager wouldn't go amiss!)

Hobbies?

I enjoy fishing and I am also quite partial to game of darts.

Favourite Band?

I don't really have a favourite band. I have quite a varied taste in music.

Which team do you support (football or otherwise)?

I don't follow football but do watch England in the Six Nations. I also watch the World Championship Darts, I especially enjoy watching Phil (The Power) Taylor.

What is your claim to fame?

My claim to fame is being in this magazine but I have met David Attenborough!

What's your number?

Our regular and random profile of an industry figure continues with this month's lucky number...

This month, Kubota's Dave Roberts comes under the spotlight



Name: Dave Roberts

Company: Kubota

Position: Sales & Marketing Manager – Kubota Tractor & Groundcare Products

How long have you been in the industry?

"20 years."

How did you get into it?

"I trained as an Agricultural Engineer, but joining Kubota took me into the grounds care industry."

What other jobs have you done?

"Various roles within Kubota, but in the commercial horticultural industry and on farms before that."

What do you like about your current job?

"Getting out of the office and meeting the very diverse customer base we deal with."

What changes have you seen during your time in the industry?

"Some changes in machinery trends like the propensity toward self propelled machinery versus tractors with implements in the golf sector, and the increase in the number of competitors!"

What do you like to do in your spare time?

"What's that...? golf (not often enough), motorcycling and holidaying."

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

"Playing more golf, more motorcycling and more holidays... hopefully!"

Who do you consider to be your best friends in the industry?

"Too many to mention (yes...a cop out!)."

What do you consider to be your lucky number?

"29."

Pick a number

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Dave has picked Tim Fell from Tillers Turf to take part next month