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Scott MacCallum travelled to the north west coast to meet a man who is seeing some real rewards for his hard work.

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begin to move forward professionally with about five years ago, mainly when the club first entered the environment competition. "Peter knew I was interested in the environment and asked me to go round the course with Bob Taylor and Kelly Herman, of the STS, as they assessed the course," recalled James.

"I spent a couple of days with them but was embarrassed that when they asked me questions I didn't know any of the answers. I felt completely out of my depth. "I decided there and then that if I wanted to progress to greenkeeping, and ultimately get a course of my own, I'd have to do something about it."

That was very much the catalyst and to say that James has upped his game since would be very much an understatement and the work that has been done on the course - mostly in spare time after the essential course management work has been easy and - in spite of not being a professional - is quite inspiring.

"Basically I started to improve my knowledge base by keeping in touch with the general STS and

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