



PROMOTIONS AT ABBOTTS

MJ Abbott Limited has promoted two members of its management team.

Steve Briggs joined the company as a Contracts Manager in 1995, and has worked alongside current director Nigel Wyatt to build the company's reputation in the golf market.

Mick Regan was appointed as a Construction Manager in May 2000, and then took over responsibility for the company's day-to-day

operations from Michael Abbott on his retirement in 2005.

"We are delighted that Steve and Mick have demonstrated their long-term commitment to the company by accepting promotion to Contracts Director and Operations Director respectively. We now have a superb management team in place to ensure the continuing success of the business," said Managing Director, Jonathan Abbott.



Wipe Away Thistles with No Tears

Creeping thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and spear thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) are two of just five weeds labelled 'injurious' under The Weeds Act 1959. Both are strong spreaders and competitors which invade a wide spectrum of environments in the agricultural, horticultural, forestry and amenity grassland sectors.

Thistles generally grow in isolated patches so blanket spraying with boom sprayers or knapsack sprayers is wasteful, as well as causing an unnecessarily high risk for the environment. Spot treatment is a targeted and environmentally friendly solution.

The hand-held Microwipe from Micron Sprayers, is the thistle wiping weapon of choice.

Operators walk through the field moving the Microwipe over the target area. This will deliver a lethal dose of herbicide onto and into target weed leaves. Micron also offer a vehicle mounted WeedSwiper for rapid treatment of large areas.

Ideal timing for treatment with the Microwipe is during early spring when thistles are still relatively small. Plants 'stand out' in the sward and therefore make easy targets because the grass is only just starting to grow.

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EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR COMPACT TRACTORS

All Massey Ferguson 1500 Series compact tractors now come as standard with an extended warranty spanning two years, or 1,200 operating hours, whichever occurs first.

Provided to customers as part of Massey Ferguson's after-sales Manager package, the extended warranty covers all of the tractor's major mechanical components against failure or breakdown.

To satisfy the extended warranty's conditions, customers must have their MF 1500 Series tractor serviced by a Massey Ferguson dealer in accordance with the specified maintenance schedule for the tractor.



Multi Purpose Multihog



Since Multihog launched its multi-purpose utility vehicle in the autumn of 2009 the Irish manufacturer has been signing up dealers across Europe, and its first demonstration machine for the German market was delivered on St. Patrick's Day.

Fahrzeugbau Schaefer the Multihog dealer for Northern Germany hosted two open days at its premises near Hanover to show the machine's capabilities to representatives from local authorities and subcontractors as well as potential sub dealers in the area.

Director, Ruth McAdam, officially handed over the 4WD 90 Multihog to Owner, Henning Schaefer, and was on hand to evaluate initial feedback from the demonstration.

"Aside from the obvious advantages of the Multihog's versatility and all year round operational capabilities, visitors were particularly impressed with the robust build of the machine and its driver friendly features such as its easy operation and the roomy dimensions of the cab."



TMSystem Moves to The Grass Group

The Grass Group has picked up the sole UK sales for Advanced Turf Technology's TMSystem, the world's only complete modular fine turf management tool. With eight individual cassettes, it is fully interchangeable between all main stream makes of triplex greens mowers and light weight fairway mowers.

John Coleman, of ATT, in announcing the tie-up, said "I'm very pleased the product line has gone to Tim Merrell and his Grass Group. We had discussions at BTME and I was impressed with his understanding of the market and his approach to business."

Tim was equally as happy by saying, "The TMSystem is a unique and an extremely well made UK product."

The TMSystem was previously sold in the UK under the TurfWorks banner, with several systems in use across a number of Golf courses. The Grass Group will also be the contact for spare parts and additional cassettes for those TurfWorks badged units.