

## Abbeydale is Where it's ATT



Abbeydale Golf Club in Sheffield has been a long time advocate of ATT's turf maintenance equipment, and five years ago were one of the first clubs to trial the TMSystem.

Previously, the club had used dethatching cassettes, but the TMSystem offered a first opportunity to perform more maintenance tasks with a single power unit.

"We have two John Deere greens triples, one of which is kept for mowing and the other used with the TMSystem," says Head Greenkeeper, Warwick Manning.

"I was immediately impressed with the build quality of the system and the range of cassettes available."

The Ultragroover is the most frequently used attachment used on a regular basis to take grain out of the meadow grasses on the greens.

"We have reduced thatch to a manageable level, so all that is needed is surface management of the sward, and the Ultragroover does an excellent job."

Vibratory rollers maintain green speeds and also help to work topdressings in, while the sarel rollers spike the surface, ensuring that dressings penetrate for greatest effect.

The vibration brush is also used after top dressing, while the scarifier cassette can be employed as and when necessary.



## Buggy Solutions

Wyevale East Nurseries in Swanley, Kent, has taken delivery of their second S1 sit-on 2 wheel drive electric vehicle from Electric Powered Solutions.

Nursery Director, Richard McKenna, first saw the vehicle at the Four Oaks trade show in 2010 and immediately recognised its potential for moving stock around their 10 acre site.

Depending on the motor size the buggy can load up to 500kg and w a trailer carrying up to 1,000kg.

## What's your number?

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

**Name:** Ian Marshall  
**Company:** Crocodile Golf Products  
**Position:** Managing Director



**How long have you been in the industry?**  
5 years, since August 2006

### How did you get into it?

As an established manufacturer of rotary blades for domestic lawn mowing machines, we acquired plant and machinery from a failed engineering company that manufactured cylinder mower blades and bottom blades for a number of original equipment lawn mower manufacturers engaged in the turfcare industry, we quickly identified the demand for replacement parts and launched Crocodile Golf Products in 2009.

### What other jobs have you done?

Following a thorough apprenticeship in the foundry industry, managed a number of engineering companies in the automotive, presswork, steelwork and construction industry and manufactured a range of hand-tool and agricultural tools in Thailand, Ghana and Nigeria.

### What do you like about your current job?

Easily the people! Having worked in a variety of different industries the people in the turfcare industry are head and shoulders the nicest and most accommodating people I have ever worked with. The care and attention showed by groundsmen and greenkeepers world-wide is a much understated commodity!

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

We have only seen growth. In spite of this recession and the obvious cut backs in spending, the demand for our range of quality replacement parts continues to exceed our expectations.

### What do you like to do in your spare time?

Would it be too obvious to say play golf and spend time with the family? But you do have to get the balance right!

### Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

In a box! Seriously, I would like to see us establish a global centre of excellence for wear resistant cutting tools providing a comprehensive service to the international turfcare industry.

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

Without doubt, the greenkeepers.

### What do you consider to be your lucky number?

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