



## REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Richmonds Groundcare has launched the Cochet Hedgetrimmer, which allows gardeners to cut and top high hedges with ease and safety. Using a ladder or scaffolding makes the task labour intensive and often dangerous.

Cochet has designed a flexible hedge trimmer designed for mounting on riding mowers and small tractors. The machine features a reciprocating cutting blade hedge trimmer mounted on a telescopic arm allowing hedges up to 4m tall and 2.6m across to be cut with minimal effort. To top the hedge, the mounting bracket is simply rotated through 90degrees. The hedge trimmer can also be detached within seconds from the support arm to reach areas inaccessible by the mower.

The trimmer's patent pending chassis uses three wheels to follow ground contours and keep the blades in line with the hedge.

[www.richmondsgroundcare.co.uk](http://www.richmondsgroundcare.co.uk)



## HIGH PERFORMANCE EXCAVATORS

Designed and engineered to provide the best combination of high performance, stability, safety, operator comfort and durability in the compact excavator market, the Bobcat micro- and mini-excavator range from 1-3 tonne has recently been expanded with the launch of the exciting new E26 model.

The new 2.6 tonne zero tail swing E26 mini-excavator offers all the advantages of the new E-generation of excavators from Bobcat, including the existing high performance E08, E10, E14 and E16 models.

As well as smooth workgroup operation and superior hydraulic performance, the E26 also offers low noise and vibration and optimised operating weight - the cabbed long arm version weighs just 2700 kg - allowing it to be transported by trailer.

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## NEW FERTILISERS FROM VITAX AMENITY

SwardPhite is based on potassium phosphite (PO) and has smaller more reactive molecules than conventional phosphate. Its effect is to promote healthy turf growth by improving natural defence systems and by stimulating meristem cell activity in roots and crowns.

Foliar applied, it will also help to avoid phosphate lock-up during

Summer stress periods and, under difficult conditions, will aid the uptake of potassium, calcium magnesium, iron and manganese.

The second new product is VitaSil, a liquid silicon stress reducer for turf. Silicon is now recognised as a vital component in turf nutrient programmes because it helps strengthen cell walls, toughens epidermal cells and

boosts natural defences against disease.

Turf blades stand more erect when fortified with VitaSil so seed heads and stalky material are more reliably mown off, giving a cleaner cut, reduced accumulation of thatch, better appearance and faster ball roll.

[www.vitaxamenity.co.uk](http://www.vitaxamenity.co.uk)





## BRUSH CUTTERS

Etesia has launched three new ride-on brushcutters. All three models share the distinctive body styling of the Attila AV98 and are powered by Briggs & Stratton Vanguard engines.

Starting with the smallest AV88, it has a 16hp engine, 88cm cutting width and like the rest of the Attila range, hydrostatic drive. The chassis has a strengthened structure

welded tubular chassis for a better driving position.

The AV95 which now incorporates front brakes for better control on descents. Power comes from the twin cylinder 18hp engine. The cutting height can be adjusted by a centralised lever with five positions from 25mm to 85mm.

The last of the new models,

the AV98X, again 4 wheel drive. This unit has powerful motors in the rear that also power the front wheels.

Power is supplied by a 23hp engine with a 98cm cutting width.

The new model also has a built in slope indicator for safer driving at all times.

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## WESSEX LOG SPLITTER

With the arrival of colder weather and everyone across the UK looking to reduce fuel costs, the comforting warmth of the woodburning stove and crackle and glow of the open fire are back in vogue.

However, the old saying of "wood warms you twice" has been well proven by anyone with experience of laborious and back-breaking hours wielding a splitting axe, or worse – the sledgehammer and splitting wedge, which invariably pings off the log at shin height.

The new Wessex Country LS100 log splitter can be used on any compact or large tractor with a category 1 three-point linkage. With a hydraulically-powered vertical ram providing up to 10 tonne of splitting pressure, logs of up to 18" in height are split and processed with ease, while the floor-level platform means that loading larger logs onto the splitter is safe and simple.

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## SALT & SAND SPREADER MAKES LIGHT WORK OF WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE



Kuhn has extended its range of mounted salt and sand spreaders, adding the smaller Axexo 2.1 with a maximum load capacity of 800kg to two existing larger models.

As with the earlier models, the Axexo 2.1 is adaptable for use with salt, sand and grit. This new model has a hopper capacity that can be extended from 250 to 350 litres and includes an agitator design feature that prevents settling and compaction of materials.

Distribution over the treatment area is adjusted easily and without tools by changing the point at which material is delivered to the disc. Stainless steel deflectors control the spread width (up to 8 metres). The spreading disc has eight blades to provide improved distribution of materials, particularly at high forward speeds.

The Axexo, which can also be used to spread fertiliser, is part of Kuhn's Amenity Pro range and is available through the company's nationwide distributor network. Prices start at £3,634 plus VAT.

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