



## Life After Redundancy

Tony McLure, familiar to most in the North East, and formerly the Head Greenkeeper at Whickham Golf Club in Newcastle upon Tyne before falling to the axe of redundancy, has taken the positive step in setting up his own business supplying various products to golf clubs.

TM Amenities Ltd was established by Tony in March 2011 selling a varied range of products on an agency basis, these are some of the companies he represents:

Parsaver Golf - All aspects of course furniture, score cards etc; Turf Care Supplies - Equipment contract hire; Air-Seal Products; ASL Agronomic; Northern Lubricants - Waste oil removal.

Tony is working hard to establish his company in the market place and his office is now his car as he trawls around the North East in search of business. He is contacting Club Secretaries and Head Greenkeepers to arrange to meet with them to outline in more detail the cost saving benefits he believes he can bring to your club.

Business is going well in these initial stages, clubs who have sought Tony's input, not only in his professional capacity as a greenkeeper, but also in his capacity as one of the country's leading amateur golfers, have been glowing in their praise of his friendly and knowledgeable approach.

"After six months of being unemployed waiting for the next opportunity to come my way I realised that I had to get out there and do something for myself," said Tony.



## BIG ROLE FOR SMALL FLEET OF JCB MACHINES IN EARTHQUAKE-HIT HAITI

A small fleet of powerful JCB machines is playing a big role in paving the way for rebuilding in part of earthquake-devastated Haiti.

Two JCB excavators and a JCB wheeled loading shovel have been bought by the international charity, Oxfam, and donated to the not-for-profit organisation, Disaster Waste Recovery (DWR), which is clearing damaged houses and recycling the resulting debris in one of the poorest areas of the Caribbean island's capital Port Au Prince.

Oxfam's Logistic Co-ordinator in Haiti, Hubert Ballaman, said: "The location where the JCB machines are working is in the town and often in-between houses and the decision on which houses are demolished is often down to local residents who request their plot to be cleared.

"The team is working in very difficult conditions; it's busy, hot and dusty and controlling lots of curious passers-by can be an issue for the operators and residents."

The demolition and clear-up operation follows the earthquake on January 12, 2010 which measured 7.0 on the Richter scale and killed around 230,000 people. More than a year on, 800,000 people are still living in camps.

Immediately after the earthquake, JCB Chairman, Sir Anthony Bamford, donated two JCB 3CX backhoe loaders worth \$150,000 to help with the relief effort.

They are currently working for not-for-profit organisation Food for the Poor and have so far been deployed to clear rubble, excavate sewage pits, dig out foundations and reconstruct walls and build schools and sanitation facilities.



## Andrew Baker is... Marathon Man

Andrew Baker, Head Greenkeeper of Ely Golf Club, is taking part in a 26 mile walk to raise money for the Help4Heroes charity with his neighbour and some colleagues, some of whom have friends affected by the war. The walk is 26 miles from Avebury to Stonehenge on June 26.

"I am hoping to do it in about seven hours but will take as long as the rest of the group take", explained Andrew.

The link will take you through to a page that explains more about the charity and if you are feeling generous please feel free to sponsor Andrew at:

[www.bmycharity.com/andrewswalk](http://www.bmycharity.com/andrewswalk)