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High hopes

Jim Cook takes a trip to Wiltshire, to meet the team at High Post GC, a club with ambition as high as the level of beauty it entails

Last year, Paul Hope, a greenkeeper at High Post Golf Club, won BIGGA's 2011 photographic competition with a stunning shot of a deer prancing over the course at first light.

After a visit to the club, one of the striking features was how much of an oasis, or even haven, this picturesque Wiltshire course offers for many other types of rare and elusive wildlife as well as deer. It was a warm day in mid-May when I met with Course Manager, Lachlan Morrison and the team at High Post. Lachlan was keen to speak about the importance of ecology to this club and said:

"We're in the process of progressively clearing scrubby areas and re-planting our general areas. We've so planted quite impressive, with new plants growing through where we cleared. We've also exposed a gull tree next to the 6th tee which was previously covered and some holly trees."

Paul Hope said: "The wildlife is abundant out there as well. Of the birds, we've had red kites over the course for the first time in several years and sparrowhawks, kestrels



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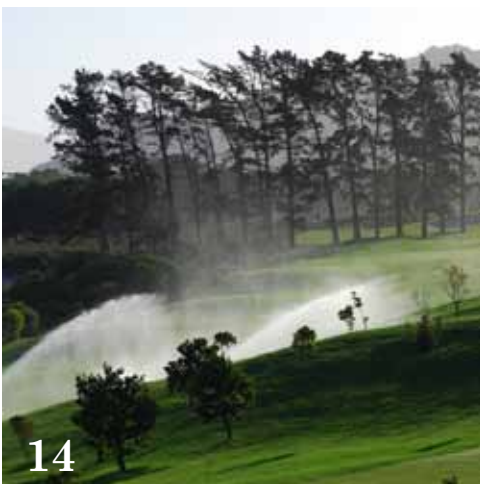
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