



# BIGGA Membership

The membership team reflect on current news and affairs affecting you, the BIGGA member

**Membership of BIGGA equips members with the resources and connections to progress their career. Thanks to BIGGA's Gold and Silver Key Fund contributors BIGGA are able to allocate funding to enhance professional development by offering financial support, training aids and a CPD scheme to members.**

- Save money by receiving your own monthly copy of Greenkeeper International (GI) as part of your membership, a monthly round up of the latest news, views and technical articles from the turf industry.

- Gain access to enhanced member-only content by logging into the members area on the BIGGA website.

- Take advantage of education funding through
  - Refund of fees
  - Subsidies
  - Higher education scholarship

- Take advantage of Assistants Development Seminars – 'So You Want to be Promoted – Essential Skills for your Career Development' is being delivered by experienced Head Greenkeepers/Course Managers across BIGGA's 26 sections. Look out on the Events Section on the BIGGA website for dates and information.

- Register for CPD – by planning and reflecting on your learning experiences you can enhance your development and advance your career.

The benefits of membership are not just there when you are looking to further your career, members also have personal benefits including access to -

**• Legal helpline – access to legal help and advice 24/7.**

When you have a legal problem it can often be a highly stressful time of your life. It is often difficult to know who you can talk to and the cost of getting the advice that you need can often be expensive. As a benefit of BIGGA Membership members have access to the Legal Assistance insurance package



The BIGGA stand at BTME 2013

arranged by Gallagher Heath, access to a comprehensive legal helpline that offers advice on a wide range of legal services.

The legal helpline is provided by Irwin Mitchell, one of the top 10 UK law firms. The helpline is operated by a team of dedicated advisers, all legally qualified to give you the legal advice that you require. The typical areas of law that the legal helpline can give advice on are:

- Family law
- Employment law
- Property law
- Consumers

**• Full Members Personal Accident Insurance**

This insurance provides cover for accidental bodily injury which occurs during the operative time of cover which results in death, loss of limbs or sight, hearing and speech, permanent disability or temporary disability. There are additional payments for medical expenses, funeral expenses, hospitalisation, bodily injury resulting in a coma, retraining and relatives travel travel expenses.

**• Lifestyle Counselling Helpline and Online Support is available to all BIGGA Members and their families**

This upgraded service for all BIGGA Members and members



of their immediate family living at the same address can help with a range of problems from practical everyday matters to sensitive or emotional issues. Specialists will help members deal with personal relationship problems, problems with colleagues in the workplace and other issues affecting their general wellbeing.

Counsellors and information specialists are also trained to help members with practical problems like debt.

The helpline is complemented by a comprehensive online information and support service, through which members can access information and advice on a range of issues and problems which often impact on everyday life. Topics are diverse and include relationships, childcare issues, consumer issues, stress and health and fitness. Information is updated regularly by a team of experienced counsellors and information specialists.

The Lifestyle Counselling Helpline and online information support service can be contacted 24/7. Log in to the members area for details.

**With almost 6,000 greenkeeping members can you afford not to be a part of Europe's largest greenkeeping organisation.**





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**OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS**  
(Full Members only)

**Personal Accident Helpline**  
02075 603013  
**Greenkeepers Legal Assistance**  
0800 177 7891  
**Greenkeepers Support Services**  
0800 174 319  
**Debt Counselling Helpline**  
0800 174319