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Dan McGrath MG recently won Conservation Greenkeeper of the Year, a coveted STRI Environment Award. BIGGA are part of this and Greenkeeper International is a media partner, so Dan agreed to tell us about his prize – a trip to Portugal to explore how they're dealing with environmental challenges on the Iberian Peninsula

2012 Golf Environment Awards, supported by BIGGA STRI

Following my appointment as Course Manager at North Foreland Golf Club on the Kent coastline seven years ago, many challenges confronted me. A truly spectacular chalkland cliff top course built on the slopes of traditional golf needed tweaking in several work programmes – one being the ecology and environmental work. First there was to draw up an environmental policy and plan, which then there is no device. This was completed and the whole written into and into it. I was introduced to the Kent Wildlife Trust by a professional employee as the next logical step was to make North Foreland a corporate member. Having the expertise and local knowledge of such an organisation is invaluable and one I would recommend to anyone wishing to pursue any environmental project. The main concentration of the first phase of the work was the Chalkland Regeneration Programme. Large areas had previously been unmanaged and seen as one of the most beautiful green spaces in the south. A programme of restoration was a massive task commenced and is still carried out to this day. The results have been immense. Nothing has been returned, or this has appeared with numbers growing every year, the rough is thin and busy giving fantastic dedication and improve

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