

Martin, Ormeau. 3. Ken Henderson, Allen Park, and the Visitor's prize went to David Irwin, from Benburb. Once again, many thanks to Kilkeel GC for having us there and also the catering staff for setting up another fine meal that was promptly wolfed down by all.

Our sponsors for the day were J E Coulter Ltd. Unfortunately other commitments and short notice meant no J E Coulter's representatives were there, but they put up some fine crystal for the winners. Many thanks for

your continued support at these events and we'll try to give you more notice next year.

At the Kilkeel event we were privileged to have the company of Scott MacCallum, Editor of the BIGGA magazine, and Tracey Maddison, Membership Services Officer. Scott and Tracey were in the province visiting a few of our finest golf clubs like Malone, Clondeboye and Royal County Down. The Course Managers were each interviewed about their course, on what they have done to

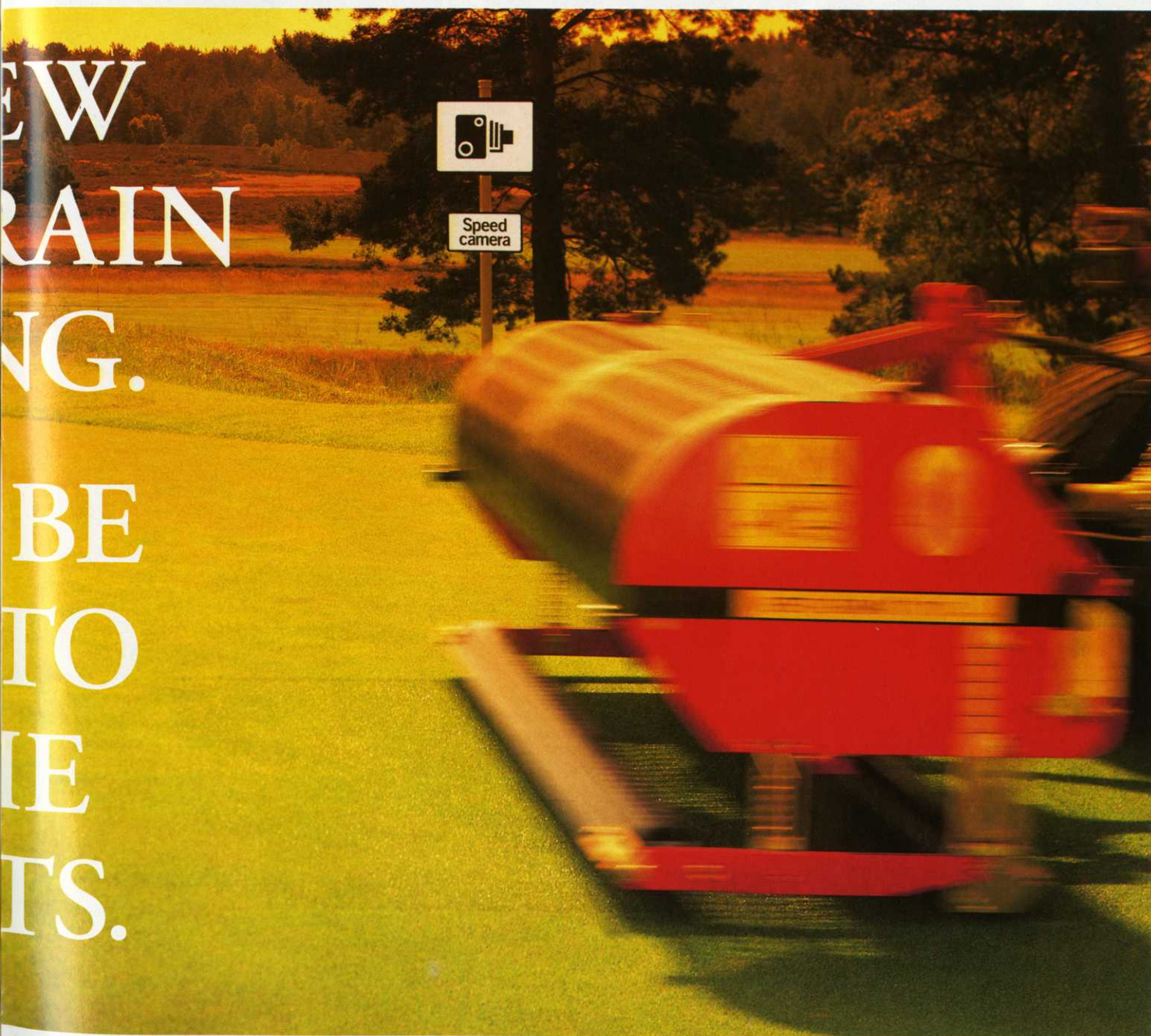
their course and how they perceive greenkeeping and the future of greenkeeping. Hopefully, over the coming months we will see these articles printed in the magazine. I believe it was Scott's first time in the province. I hope you enjoyed your stay and will hurry back. Maybe next time we'll introduce you to the delights of the Guinness family.

Congratulations to Eamon Farrell, who moves from First Assistant at Stakis to Course Manager at Masserene GC. Also congratulations to Mark Farrell,

also from Stakis, on his appointment to City of Derry GC as Course Manager. Well done lads and I know it will go well for you. New members to our region are Kyle Irwin, Head Greenkeeper at Lurgan and also Stuart Davidson from Portstewart GC.

Our next event will be held at Castle-rock GC on 2nd August. Tee off times and arrangements will be posted to you nearer the time. See you all at Castle-rock.

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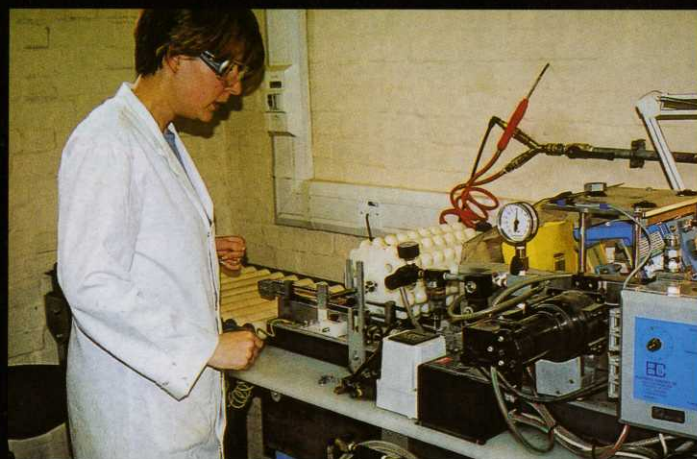
Aventis, formerly Rhône Poulenc, is the only amenity company in the UK involved in research and development of new compounds to protect the nation's sports turf. Scott MacCallum investigated...

Dream team

It's a fact of life that many people suffer from nightmares. For me it's on the recurring theme of being chased for miles and miles by an unknown assailant who I can't quite shake but never actually get to see. For others it can be stuck in a confined space with walls that slowly close in on them... or being stuck in a pit of snakes, spiders or rats depending upon which dishes up the greatest blood pressure boost.

I would imagine for those in the greenkeeping profession the thought of an overnight outbreak of a rare grass eating fungus or plague of casting worms would be enough to cause otherwise sane men to wake up covered in freezing perspiration and ready to rush into work before day break to make sure what appeared a nightmare was not in fact a premonition of gruesome reality.

But thankfully there is a company which is doing its best to ensure that the country's greenkeepers are able to sleep soundly safe in the knowledge that even if some horrible disease or pest is attacking his beloved turf there is something available with which to fight back.



Far right: Extensive glasshouse trials at Ongar

Above right: Caroline Rutherford carries out final checks on a seeding machine

Below: John Hall and Jenny Murphy examine turf plots



Aventis, formerly Rhône Poulenc, is the only amenity company in the UK involved in research and development of new compounds to protect the nation's sports turf, and at the company's Ongar site in Essex - recently designated the European headquarters of a truly worldwide operation - a staff of 500 work towards producing antidotes to some of the problems which give fine turf managers the greatest nightmares.

"We are developing new fungicides to attack the diseases which are now hitting this country, things like Take-All Patch," revealed John Hall, Market Development Manager for Northern Europe.

"Ants have become a major problem while this year we've also got a big problem with chafer grubs and we're developing chemicals to try to control these at the moment. In fact we're constantly looking at different chemicals to control different diseases, pests, weeds etc. It's a long process but the work should ultimately benefit the customer," he added.

One issue which is currently exercising the fine minds at Aventis is worm control bearing in mind some of the extremely effective methods of old have been banned.

"There are environmental issues which have been brought in and the industry may have only a couple of years left with Carbenidizim. We are looking at different methods of control at the moment, although we prefer to use the term suppression to control," said John.

"What the chemicals do is suppress the casting worms - which amount to only three of the 25 species which commonly operate in the UK - and leave the others alone. The older compounds used to be extremely effective but killed rather than suppressed a wide range of worm species."

It would be fair to say that greenkeepers form one of Aventis' more demanding customer sectors.

"They do have specific problems because of the high aesthetic value placed on a course and the need to maintain high presentation standards. He is very concerned about any disease he gets on fairways and greens whereas local authorities perhaps wouldn't be quite so worried if they had a bit of fusarium or worm casts. The demands of greenkeepers ensure that we work hard to meet their specifications," said John.

The origins of the company go back to the early days of May and Baker who



worked out of a factory in Wandsworth, London, producing products like Bismuth Salts, ethers and collidions.

French company, Rhône Poulenc, became involved in 1927 when the companies began working jointly, however, they continued to trade as May and Baker for many years. A move to Dagenham preceded the move to Ongar which was made in 1953. In 1989 the May and Baker name was replaced by that of Rhône Poulenc before the recent change to Aventis which came about by the "marriage" of the French, Rhône Poulenc, to Hoechst Schering, of Germany, (and in the UK Rhône Poulenc merged with Agrevo) which produced a global total of \$20 billion company boasting a total of 95,000 staff, from which the European arm of the Environmental Science Sector is now run from Ongar.

Aventis Environmental Science is a sector within the main Aventis group and consists of Turf and Amenity, Household Insecticides, Public Hygiene and Vermin Control. The Turf and Amenity business for Europe is run from the offices at Ongar.

"On the whole we are still associated with the name Rhône Poulenc but some people still remember us as May and Baker but we are working towards

making the Aventis name familiar. That process started at Harrogate this year.

"It is making people realise that all the same products, like Rovral Green, are there but under the Aventis name. The labelling is different but the products the same," explained John.

Ongar was actually a farm in a previous life. On site, as well as a 150 strong commercial team, is the research and development teams who carry through the painstaking process of bring a new product to market.

Much of the process is now done by robots - such as producing the rows and rows of mini test plots and the spraying of these with chemicals and potential new products.

"We spray up to 30,000 plots a week and of these 0.1% are considered worthy of moving forward to the next stage in the process to see if they are effective against specific species," explained Caroline Rutherford, Research Biologist, adding that this process alone, as well as glass house trials, can take three years.

The next stage involves field trials on a well appointed site to the rear of the office buildings.

This allows the researchers to assess potential new products under more realistic conditions.

It all adds up to a costly process with the expense involved in developing a new active ingredient come in at a cool £60 million.

"Even then we have to make our return over a remarkably short space of time," explained John.

After the initial three years of screening the patent is registered and three years after that the first registration is sought from the relevant bodies; in years four to six factory construction takes place with the first sales taking place in the fifth year. Break even from a financial standpoint is not reached until year 13 is reached and the final chance to reap any rewards from a successful product disappears when the patent expires in year 20.

"We continue to work with the Regulatory Bodies in a long term investment programme, in order that we can gain approvals for new compounds and adhere to environmental regulations

However, strange as it may seem Aventis is right behind the tighter legislation.

"At the end of the day it makes the products we produce much safer so it is of benefit to the customer. We are certainly pro it because we are keen to protect our end user as well as the environment."

Another part of this safety conscious

approach is the BACCS scheme which Aventis has introduced in conjunction with the BASIS and the Crop Protection Association, formerly the BAA.

"This is an advanced contractor certification scheme which encourages contractors to meet certain criteria before becoming accredited. Hopefully it may mean that when jobs are put out to tender it is not the cheapest option which is chosen but a person who has been adjudged capable and qualified to do the task," explained John.

Further details can be obtained from Alan Horgan, Contractor and Utilities Customer Manager.

It's all part of Aventis' on-going policy of development both in providing new and exciting products with safety and conscientious environmental stewardship at the hub.

This all helps a greenkeeper's ability to sleep soundly at night... but doesn't exactly help me with my recurring nightmare!



Greenkeeper International takes a look at some of the latest products and services available to the greenkeeping professional

Saxon add two new Baroness models



Two new Baroness mowers have been added to Saxon's range of machines.

Cable-driven cylinders coupled with hydrostatic transmission give the Baroness Greens Triple many advantages. The cutting width, from three, nine-blade cutting cylinders is 152 cm. Cut height can be precisely set between 3.5 - 10 mm.

Cable drive has the advantage of allowing a consistent and precise clip-rate and because there are no complicated linkages to cope with, the cutters can quickly be removed and replaced for maintenance without tools or accessories - and without the risk of oil leakage.

The benefit of hydrostatic transmission is also apparent on the foot platform where just two pedals control travel and mower raise and lower functions.

The Baroness Greens Triple Mower's versatility can be increased by the addition of groomer units and there is the option of a brush unit and thatching reel.

Available as a two or three-wheel-drive the Heavy Duty Triple gives manoeuvrability and its low centre of gravity provides stability on slopes.

Hydrostatic transmission provides single pedal travel control and the cutter unit mounting allows the multi directional movement essential for accurate contour following. Three 162 mm diameter, seven-blade cutting cylinders give a cutting width of 180 cm.

For further information: Tel 01488 689400.

Latest spraying developments from Hardi

The new Groundwater Directive is now fully in force, and to ensure that operators fully comply with this the standard specification for Hardi Jazz, Manx, Boss and Heron Amenity sprayers has been updated.

One aspect of the new Groundwater regulations that particularly affect amenity sprayer operators is the disposal of tank washings. To fill the sprayer tank with up to 800 litres of water and then spray this back out over the fairway or other areas previously sprayed is time consuming at the very least.

For this reason, all Hardi Jazz and Manx mounted, Boss demount and Heron trailed sprayer models are now fitted with a tank flushing nozzle. Where this is fitted, only 10% of tank capacity is needed for flushing, which not only saves a considerable amount of time and water, but also means that less area is needed for flushing out the tank.

Where, for instance on smaller amenity sprayers, chemical induction hoppers are not offered then the direct filling hole on the top of the sprayer must be no more than 1500mm from the ground or a step.



In addition the reach from the rim of the hole and edge of the tank should be no more than 300mm. Pump capacity will not be considered by the HSE as an acceptable reason for not fitting a chemical induction hopper.

For this reason Hardi Manx mounted, Boss demount and Heron trailed sprayers are now all fitted as standard with a 25 litre capacity chemical induction hopper. This incorporates a measuring scale, lid and wash down

ring, which ensures that after filling any remaining chemical is flushed from the hopper.

To enable existing Hardi sprayer users to comply with these regulations, upgrade kits are available for retrofitting. Excluding fitting, a 25 litre capacity chemical induction hopper costs £450 and the tank flushing nozzle kit costs £250.

For further information tel: 01455 233811.

Turn of speed given to new Renaults

A number of product specification changes have been made to the Renault Groundsman range to provide users with increased comfort, greater output and accuracy of operation.

The 52hp to 76hp Renault Pales Groundsman has been subject to a number of cab improvements. The gear lever, range selector and mechanical splitter, in addition to the hydraulic spool valve controls, have all been moved to the right of the operators seat, so that they fall conveniently to hand.

Certain operations, such as when using a hydraulically driven topdresser, require a consistent hydraulic flow to ensure that accuracy and evenness of spread is maintained. For this reason Renault Groundsman models can now be fitted with a dual hydraulic system. This provides a dedicated hydraulic circuit through which such equipment can be operated, which is independent from the steering and other hydraulic functions.

Where the tractor is being used between a number of sites, to reduce transport time, all three Pales Grounds-



man models are now also available with a 40km/hr transmission as an option. Where this is fitted, when braking the front axle is automatically engaged to provide full four-wheel braking and to achieve this road speed, the number of gears have been increased via a mechanical doubler to 24 forward and 24 reverse speeds.

The standard price for the Renault

Pales Groundsman range starts at £16,560 for the 52hp Pales Groundsman 210 and rises to £22,415 for the 72hp Pales Groundsman 240. The factory fitted fast travel speed option adds £895 to the standard price of the Pales Groundsman and the dual hydraulic circuit option costs £600.

For further information Tel: 01608 662727

Golf industry gets a host of new caddies, thanks to Trojan

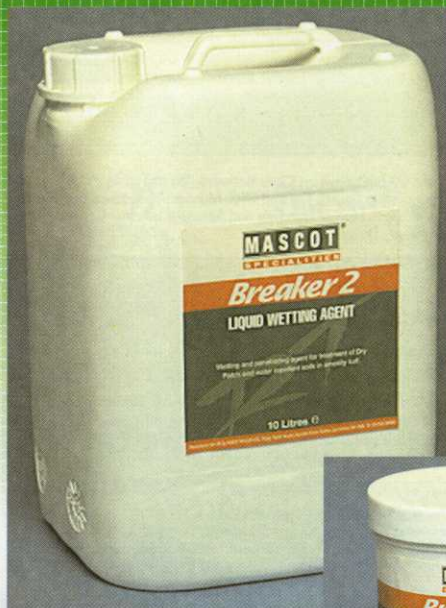
Trojan Trailers have expanded their range of industrial trailers. They have introduced a "no frills" model of the Greenkeeper's Caddy, called the Greenkeeper's Caddy Cadet. In addition

there will also be a new comprehensive range of tandem Axle Beaver Tail trailers. Sizes will be from 10ft. x 6ft. to 16ft x 7ft. Weights from 2000Kg to 3500 Kg gwt. These will have a

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GREENKEEPER TRAINING

The Greenkeepers Training Committee (GTC) are continually reviewing the approved status of colleges offering greenkeeper training courses. This guide shows colleges offering courses to craft, supervisory and management levels, but it must be stated that until the GTC review is completed only the green coded colleges are approved to train greenkeepers beyond craft level. The introduction of vocational qualifications into

industries, has caused the colleges to re-think their training policies and the GTC will be issuing guidelines for the golf greenkeeping industry as to which colleges employers and their staff should be supporting. Anyone with a query regarding greenkeeper training should contact the Greenkeeper Training Committee at Aldwark Manor, Aldwark, Airedale, York YO61 1UF. Tel: 01347 838640 or visit their website at http://www.the_gtc.co.uk

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ELMWOOD COLLEGE Cupar, Fife KY15 4JB. Contact Carol Borthwick. Tel:01334 658974. Fax: 01334 658888 Email: cborthwick@elmwood.ac.uk. Craft Level courses. Full time National Certificate, Block-release, following SVQ Level II and the GTC Training Manual. Six week specialist modular programme (January - February), including Golf Course Construction, Pesticide Application and Plant Protection Procedures. SVQ Level III Block Release and SVQ Level IV coming soon. HNC/HND Golf Course Management available as full-time, block/day release and distance learning. FEPA, COSHH and Health & Safety short courses also.



GOSTA TRAINING LTD; Unit 5E Clydeaway Centre, 45 Finnieston Street, Glasgow, G3 8JU, Contact Chris Bothwell, Tel: 0141 248 2772 Fax: 0141 248 2453 SVQ 1, 2, 3 and 4 also Modern Apprenticeship in all options of Amenity Horticulture including Sports Turf and GTC. Manual. Attendance day/block release from November to March. Short courses include Pesticides, Chainsaw, First Aid, Abrasive Wheels, Manual Handling and Assessor training. Consultancy covering Noise Assessment, Site Risk Audits, Machinery Permit to Use, COSHH, Health and Safety Policy.



OATRIDGE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Broxburn, West Lothian, near Edinburgh, EH52 6NH. Contact Steve Miller - Tel: 01506 854387 Fax: 01506 853373. HNC in Golf Course Management: Full time Certificates in Greenkeeping, Block and Day Release. SVQ Level II and III (GTC Manuals) and Modern Apprenticeship. SVQ in Ground Care Machinery, full range of Amenity Horticulture and Landscaping courses at HNC Certificate and SVQ Level. Short Courses, FEPA, Chainsaw, Forklift. E-mail OATRIDGE_AGRICULTURAL_COLLEGE_EDU@msn.com



ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE Askham Bryan, York YO23 3FR. Contact: Central Admissions Tel: 01904 772211. National Certificate in Horticulture, National Diploma in Horticulture (Turf Option), Higher National Diploma in Horticulture (Golf Management Option) all available full or part time. Block release courses: NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, NVQ Level 3 Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Maintenance, NVQ Level 4 Amenity Horticulture. Short courses: FEPA spraying, chainsaw and brushcutter courses.



EAST DURHAM AND HOUGHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Houghall, Durham DH1 3SG. Contact Tony Milan. Tel: 0191 386 1351. Full time courses: National Certificate in Horticulture/Greenkeeping and Groundsmanship - 1 year; National Diploma in Horticulture Turf Option - 2/3 years. Part time courses: Greenkeeping and Sportsturf Management Level 2 - Day release; NVQ Level 3 Amenity Horticulture - Afternoon-Evening. Short Courses: Health & Safety Legislation; Turfcare; Machinery & Mechanisation. All courses contribute towards NVQ Levels 1 and 2.



CITY COLLEGE MANCHESTER, Moor Road, Baguley, Manchester M23 9BQ. Contact Martin Webb. Tel: 0161 957 1527. College website <http://www.ccm.ac.uk> Part-time courses leading to NVQ L2 and L3 in Sports Turf Maintenance and Decorative Horticulture. Also RHS General and Diploma, Cert. Arboriculture and FEPA Spraying courses.



MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire PR3 0RY. Tel: 01995 642211/642222 Fax: 01995 642333 Email: mailbox@myerscough.ac.uk, www.myerscough.ac.uk. Full time courses BSc (Hons) Turfgrass Science; HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management; ND Turf Science & Sportsground Management; NC Groundsmanship and Greenkeeping. Part time courses NVQ Level 2 and 3 Greenkeeping and Sports turf Maintenance (day/block release or fast track work based training qualification) HND Turf Science and Golf Course Management; Certificate and Diploma in Turf Irrigation; FEPA Short Courses. Myerscough Turf Club holds an Annual Conference and Regular Education Seminars.



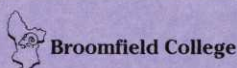
REASEHEATH COLLEGE Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 6DF. Tel: 01270 625131 Fax: 01270 625665 E-mail: brianj@reaseheath.ac.uk, website: www.reaseheath.ac.uk. Full time First Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 1 year. National Diploma Horticulture (Sportsturf Option) - 2 years. BTEC Higher National Diploma Golf Course Management - 3 years. Part time: HNC Golf Course Management with Open Learning option, NVQ Levels 1-4 Greenkeeping with Fast Track options. IOG courses available. Short courses: FEPA Chemical Safety; Safe Lifting; Chainsaws, Off-Road Vehicle Driving; First Aid.



SHIPLEY COLLEGE, Saltaire, BD18 3JW Tel: 01274 757222. Email: enquiries@shipleys.ac.uk. Courses offered: NVQ Level I, II, III and IV in Greenkeeping by Day Release. Also Pesticide Spraying (FEPA) and Chainsaw operation short courses available.



BROOKSBY COLLEGE BrooksbY, Melton Mowbray, Leics LE14 2LJ situated on the A607 between Leicester and Melton Mowbray. Contact Ann Hurt/Jo Lees Tel: 01664 434291. Day release Level 1 - 4 Greenkeeping, includes GTC training manual. Short courses available in arboriculture/chainsaw work, FEPA spraying and machinery maintenance.



BROOMFIELD COLLEGE Morley, Ilkeston, Derby DE7 6DN. Contact Admissions Officer. Tel: 01332 836600. NVQ Level I and Level II. Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping) Block Release course. Two years duration presented in 12 one-week blocks following guidelines of GTC Training Manual. NVQ Level III gained by 9 x 3 day blocks or day release or APL service. Also available TDLB, Pesticides, Chainsaw and First Aid Training.



DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, Caythorpe Court, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincs, NG32 3EP Contact: Student Admissions. Tel: 01400 272521, Fax: 01400 272722. NVQ Level 2 and 3 Sports Turf Management. National Diploma in Horticulture. GNVQ Advanced Leisure and Recreation (Golf). Higher National Diploma in Golf and Leisure Management. BSc (Hons) Recreation Management (Golf pathway). FEPA short courses. Full residential facilities available. All courses are run at the Riseholme Campus, Lincoln.



MOULTON COLLEGE, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7RR Tel 01604 491131 Fax 01604 491127. Full time: BTEC First Diploma in Horticulture - 1 year. BTEC National Diploma in Horticulture - 2 years. National Certificate in Horticulture - 1 year. Part time: NVQ2 Amenity Horticulture with Sports Turf Care. NVQ3 Sports Turf Maintenance. Both NVQs - 1 day per week over 2 years Short Courses: FEPA - 2 days. Chainsaw Operators Certificate - 1 week



RODBASTON COLLEGE Rodbaston, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5PH. Contact Nigel Foskett. Tel: 01785 712209. Courses offered: NVQ Level 1,2,3 and 4 by Day Release. FEPA and chainsaw training.



WARWICKSHIRE COLLEGE, Royal Leamington Spa & Moreton Morrell, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, CV35 9BL. Contact: Brian Cook Tel: 01926 318268. Email: enquiries@warkscol.ac.uk Greenkeeping Courses: HNC Sports Turf & Golf Course Management (Day Release 2 year Programme); NVQ Level 2 & 3 Day Release and Workbased Option (we come to you); two year ND in Horticulture with Turf Option; IOG Intermediate Diploma (evening class); Certificate in Turf Irrigation. Short Courses: Introduce your Committee to Turf Culture; Computing for the Greenkeeper; Various throughout the year - ring for details. FEPA; Chainsaw Certification; TDLB; First Aid also RHS General and Diploma.



BERKSHIRE COLLEGE Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 6QR Tel: 01628 824444 Fax: 01628 824695 e-mail: enquiries@berks-coll-ag.ac.uk, website: www.berks-coll-ag.ac.uk Full-time courses. BTEC First & National Diploma, Part-time courses: GTC Manual - NVQ2 and 3 Amenity, Sports Turf (day & block release); Short courses: FEPA Horticultural Machinery, Chainsaws, Greenkeeping for Golfers "Regional Centre for Leisure and Land based Industries & Professions"



BRINSBURY COLLEGE Brinsbury College, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DL. Tel: 01798 877400, Fax: 01798 875222. Email: student-services@brinsbury.ac.uk Full-time courses: BTEC National Diploma Landscape Studies (Greenkeeping option), BTEC First Diploma New Entrant Horticulture (Greenkeeping or Landscaping options), City & Guilds National Certificate Horticulture (Greenkeeping & Sportsground Management). Part-time courses: NVQ Level 3 Sports Turf Maintenance (block or day release), NVQ level 2 Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Maintenance option), Institute of Groundsmanship Intermediate Diploma; plus various short courses, including Chainsaw, Brushcutter/Strimmer, PA1/PA2A/PA6A/PA 9, etc.

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A GUIDE TO THE COLLEGES AND COURSES AVAILABLE

KEY TO COLOURS

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Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Supervisory level

Currently GTC approved for training courses up to Craft level only

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SOUTH EAST



EASTON COLLEGE Norfolk's College of the Countryside. Sportsturf qualifications, Amenity Horticulture and Rural Resource Management. For details contact the registry on 01603 731200. Easton College, Easton, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 5DX Tel: 01603 731200 Fax: 01603 741438



HADLOW COLLEGE Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL. Contact Tony Leach Tel: 01732 850551. NVQ Level II and Level III Part-time Day Release with two periods of Block Release or evenings. Level II in Groundsmanship evenings. NVQ Level III Golf Greenkeeping. BTEC First Diploma Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Horticulture (Sports Turf option). National Certificate: Sports Turf Management, National Diploma: Sports Turf Management, National Diploma Sports Studies, National Intermediate Diploma in Turf, Institute of Groundsmanship National Practical Certificate. Centres at Hadlow, Canterbury, Maidstone and Mottingham.



MERRISTWOOD COLLEGE, Worplesdon, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3PE. Contact D I Rhodes Tel: 01483 884003. Fax: 01483 884001. E-mail: info@merrist-wood.ac.uk. Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management, National Diploma in Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management. Part time courses: NVQ Amenity Horticulture Level 2 and 3 in the work place - we come to you. Institute of Groundsmanship NID night class, NVQ Amenity Horticulture Sports Turf Maintenance Level 2, NVQ Amenity Horticulture Sports Turf Maintenance Level 3 (afternoon/evening release). NVQ Level 4 Amenity Horticulture night class. HNC Turf Science (afternoon/evening release). Various short courses throughout the year. Please contact us for up-to-date listings and information.



NESCOT North East Surrey College of Technology, Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey KT17 3DS. Contact Dr S Shaw. Tel: 020 8394 3038 or email: info@nescot.ac.uk NVQ Levels I, II and III in Amenity Horticulture (Greenkeeping options) Training and assessment for the Greenkeepers Training Manual. Part time, Day Release. Duration: Two years to Level II. FEPA Spraying Courses.



OAKLANDS COLLEGE Oaklands Campus, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts AL4 0JA. Contact Ian Merrick. Tel: 01727 737000 Fax: 01727 737752. Full time courses: National Certificate in Greenkeeping and Sports Turf Management. Part-time courses: leading to NVQ Level 2 Greenkeeping, Modern Apprenticeships. Evening courses: leading to NVQ Levels 3 and 4. Short courses: Pesticide, Chainsaw, Greenkeeper Mechanics.



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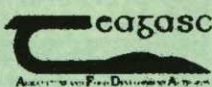
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