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Above: Along with fairways, Textron's E-Z-GO Workhorse also handles loose terrain

types of vehicles often have to travel over user comfort is a point worth considering. Check out the following on the units you are considering; type of suspension, user friendly and safety features, plus the availability of optional cab and ROPS. Three-point linkage is either standard or an extra on many of the utility vehicles now on the UK market. The addition of this system or another towing facility enables a host of turf care attachments

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of ATVs so pay particular attention to the suspension systems being offered and the protection the engine and transmission units have from damage.

A trailer can be towed and some units have a built on carrying platform. Sprayers are a popular and useful addition and a number of manufacturers now have units in their ranges for these machines.

Apart from being a workhorse an ATV is also useful in an emergency and with most courses stretching over a considerable acreage, they can be a very fast way of travelling to the furthestmost points.

There is still the perceived idea that these machines are more for sport than working units but as many users have discovered this is a complete myth.

It is clearly evident by the number of new utility vehicles and ATVs coming onto the market that manufacturers have recognised there is a need to offer alternative methods of transporting materials, equipment and people in the amenity sector. As a result there are now plenty of models to choose from.

To ensure you get the right one for your requirements it is worth spending time formulating just what you actually want from a utility vehicle or ATV, the ground conditions it is likely to be used on - then test driving some before deciding. The right one for your requirements can save a lot of time and money.

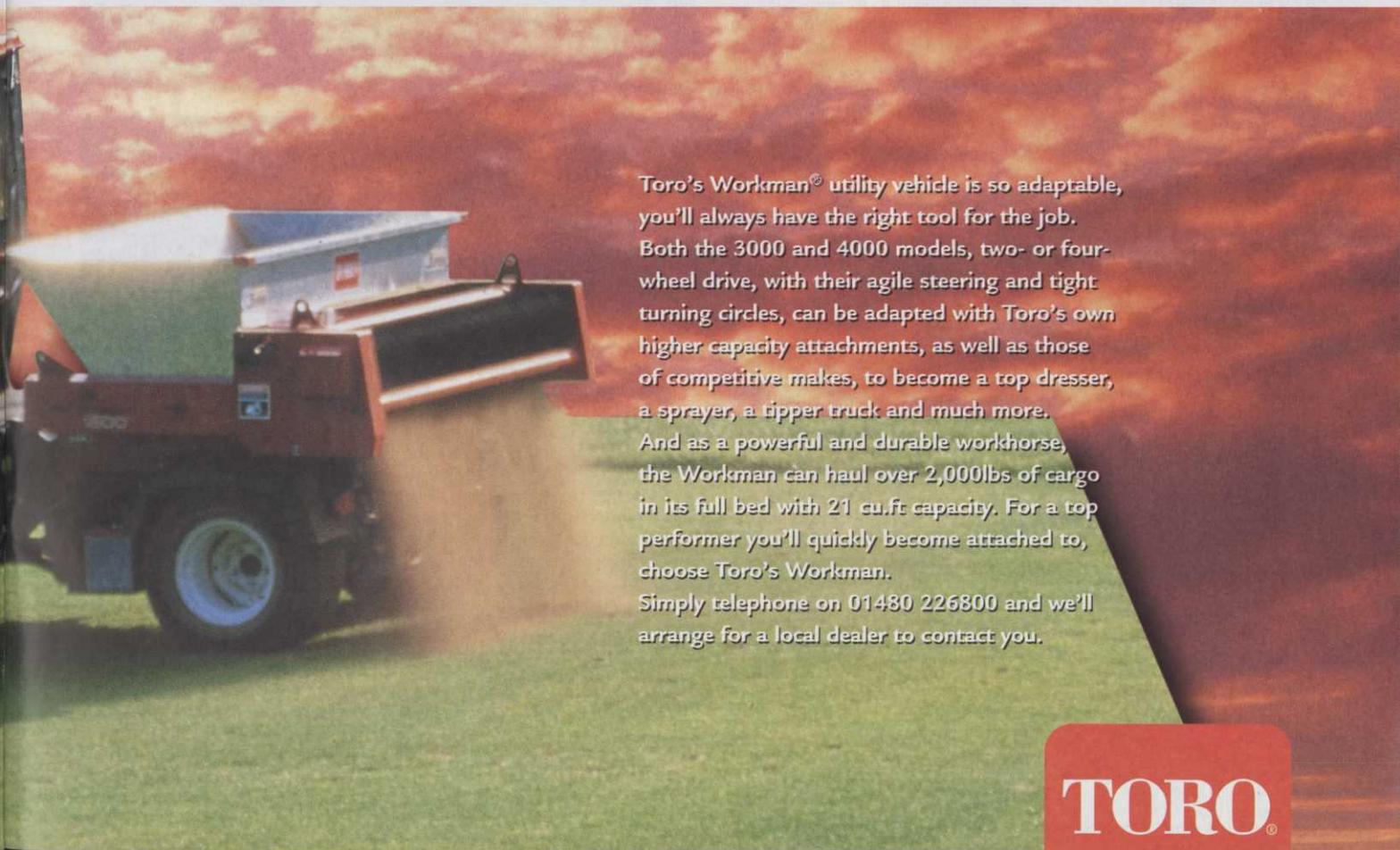


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The dust may not yet have settled from BTME2001, but here at BIGGA, planning is well under way for next year's event. In a brand new BTME series, Neil Thomas gives a progress report on preparations for BTME2002.

Revised arrangements for 2002 breakdown

Following representations from a number of companies, BIGGA, in conjunction with the BTME Steering Committee, has announced revised breakdown arrangements at BTME 2002 next January. Breakdown by companies will now be permitted from 5.00pm on Thursday 24th January, the final day of the show. BIGGA Executive Director, Neil Thomas, commented 'We listened to the views of certain companies who were not happy with the original plan to breakdown on the Friday. We were conscious of the extra costs that would be incurred with breakdown personnel having to stay an extra night in Harrogate. It has therefore been decided to permit breakdown on the Thursday evening. However, companies are requested to give due consideration as to whether they do in fact breakdown on the Thursday evening or wait until the Friday. It may well be that the larger machinery companies, for example, determine that Friday will be a more suitable day given the considerable early evening traffic problems experienced in Harrogate and the possibility of adverse weather conditions'.

Secret's out on BTME Steering Committee...

There was general amusement at BIGGA HOUSE recently over allegations in a rival publication that the names of members of the BTME Steering Committee appeared to be a state secret. Indeed readers of the article in question will realise that the editor concerned was indeed 'barking up the wrong tree'. The BTME Steering Committee has operated very successfully over the past decade and some original members still attend the regular meetings held in Spring and Autumn at BIGGA HOUSE. The Association has benefited considerably in taking on board suggestions emanating from the Committee for the general benefit and enhancement of the BTME. The strength of the BTME today owes much to the industry's support and input through the Steering Committee and long may this continue. Recently membership of the Steering Committee was revised and we are now able to exclusively announce to readers of 'Greenkeeper International' the names and their companies of current Steering Committee members. Please contact them with any suggestions or ideas for the future of the BTME as its success remains very much dependent on the continuing strength of the relationship between BIGGA and the industry as a whole.

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 Joe Weston - Amazone Ground Care

The clock's ticking...

BTME2002: Greenkeepers Week set to continue

BIGGA's annual Turf Management Exhibition has been held at the Harrogate International Centre since 1989. The fourteenth such exhibition to be held in January 2002 will see a major change with the traditional Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning show being replaced with a three day show opening from Tuesday through Thursday. This change of opening days for the BTME follows detailed discussions within the Working Party set up by the BTME Steering Committee and subsequent consideration of its recommendations by both the Steering Committee and the BIGGA Board of Management. There were two prime reasons for the change. First and positively, it is considered that with the success and growth of the BTME, the show can now sustain three days of trade activity and visitor traffic. Secondly, Friday morning has not been viewed as a success by the trade and Friday breakdown has remained unpopular with long journeys having to be made late in the day. So the change has been made and the Association, together with the exhibiting companies, will employ their best endeavours to ensure the success of the new format.

This brings us on to the concept of the 'Greenkeepers Week'. Over the years, greenkeepers have come to regard the week of the BTME as the major event in BIGGA's calendar. They come to Harrogate through various packages and by various means. Some come for six days whilst others come in smaller combinations of days right down to the day visitor. BTME kickstarts the year for both trade and greenkeepers. BIGGA is very anxious to protect and strengthen the concept of the 'Greenkeepers Week' and as such will make only minor modifications to the week for BTME 2002 bearing in mind that the new show format will be subject to review after next year's event. The National Education Conference will continue



on the Monday and Tuesday along with the workshops programme although in both instances there will be enhanced options together with the ability to visit the exhibition at the conclusion of the educational programme on the Tuesday. The seminar programme will operate through Wednesday and Thursday while there will be an attractive educational programme on the Friday morning before greenkeepers depart for home. Social highlights will include the Conference Dinner on the Monday evening and the BTME banquet on the Thursday evening. The BIGGA AGM will be held at its normal time on the Wednesday evening. So greenkeepers' plans for the 'week' can continue as before but with more time available on the show floor and this will surely be appreciated with the growth of BTME.

The growth curve was significant at this year's BTME. We need to continue to build upon it and the demand for space at BTME 2002 is indeed encouraging. BTME needs to meet the expectations and aspirations of the greenkeeping profession, golf course



personnel in general and the exhibiting companies. There is a groundswell of support from all concerned to take the BTME forward and build on its success but this will only be achieved by a real 'partnership' of greenkeepers and trade. To this end each needs to understand and appreciate the other's perspectives with regard to the BTME and to be mutually supportive. Many forget that BIGGA does not employ an exhibition company to organise and run the BTME. It is all done in-house and it is therefore our key role to pull the whole operation together whilst creating an ambience which will allow the show to prosper and grow for all concerned.

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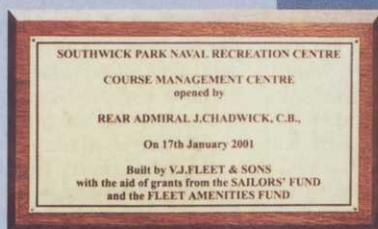
Scott MacCallum travelled to Portsmouth to see at first hand Southwick Park Naval Recreational Base's excellent new Course Management Centre

Ship shape at Southwick



Right: Rear Admiral J. Chadwick C.B. chats with Southwick Park's Head Greenkeeper Nick Beadle (centre) at the grand opening

Below: A commemorative plaque marks the auspicious occasion



It was a marvellous occasion. The sort of thing the Royal Navy does so well. Pomp, ceremony, precision timing and a decorated dignitary to say a few well chosen words and seal the moment with a well propelled bottle of champagne or, as on this occasion, a neatly snipped ribbon.

But this wasn't the launch of a new frigate, nor was it the passing out parade for the season's new officer cadets, but the opening of the brand new Course Management Centre at Southwick Park Naval Recreation Base, alongside HMS Dryad, near Portsmouth - the Navy's own municipi-

pal golf club. The opening was carried out by Rear Admiral J. Chadwick C.B. watched by several other high ranking Royal Navy Officers.

They also marked the end of an era during which the greenkeeping team had operated from three less than satisfactory buildings spread out over the golf course, a situation which did much to test the team's survival instincts and little to extend the life of machinery.

The new facility includes all that could have been asked from a building and was achieved at a cost which didn't make the Navy baulk.

The morale boost provided by the new accommodation was apparent as

soon as I arrived. Surprised to see everything closed up I entered by the side door to find Head Greenkeeper Nick Beadle delivering a fine off break which assistant Simon Berry could only edge onto the back door of the main facility which, in the rules of the game, meant he was out caught behind.

I hasten to add that, in the interests of safety and damage limitation, a soft ball was in use.

"We like to play a bit of cricket at lunchtime or football, as we've got a goal down on the pitch and putt course," explained Nick, who was blowing a bit after his bowling stint.

Right: The old maintenance facilities were badly in need of renovation, which resulted in a brand new complex (far right)

Below: A purpose built wet room provides the team with facilities to change and dry work gear in comfort



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Head Greenkeeper Nick Beadle (right) and Simon Berry inspect the course

"We have a rule that there is no smoking and we must change our footwear in the drying room and at the moment everyone is sticking to it," he explained as we sat in his well appointed, and remarkably tidy, office.

The genuine enthusiasm and rapport within the team has been enhanced by the new living and working environment which is a far cry from what was in place before.

"We had three separate sites - the Top Shed, the Tea Shed and the Boat House. The Top Shed was made of tin and was old, rusty and small. We used to keep the greens mower, two John Deeres; a Toro, a Hayter a Hux Truck and two mules in there so we had seven or eight pieces of equipment stored in there. But it only had one door so we had to work out what we were going to do the next day then rearrange the machinery so the appropriate pieces were at the front. We also had the chemical safe up there," said Nick.

The Tea Shed, named after the favourite beverage of the occupants, looked like an old stone bothy and boasted stone floors and ivy growing through the roof.

"We kept the Certes in there as well as racks of hand tools while it was also our Mess Room. It was very cold in the winter and heaven knows how many heaters we got through."

The Boat House was exactly what the name suggests as it is located on the edge of the attractive lake which runs through the middle of the course.

Obviously there is no real need for a boat house to be particularly water tight and, in this

case while extremely attractive with the sun streaming through it, protection from the elements was not its strong suit.

"This was where we kept the big stuff," explained Nick.

As well as the obvious complications, being split over three sites was not ideal from a logistical point of view.

"I cut fairways and it was a case of setting everyone up then going all the way down to the boat house to collect the equipment then going back up to cut the 1st and 3rd before golfers got out so it was about 20 minutes before I'd get any work done."

The catalyst for change came when the Navy's Establishment Safety Advisor, together with the Dryad's First Lieutenant in charge of all environmental and health and safety issues surrounding the base, visited to carry out an independent health and safety assessment on the team's working conditions.

What they saw caused them to take action.

"They said that it wasn't good. All our wet gear was always stored in the Tea Shed which was against health and safety regulations and we had no facilities for drying so we'd come in absolutely soaked and have other clothes dripping down on us and the stone floor."

Having looked at the situation and agreed that something would have to be done about it the Navy revealed that funds were available and that the club should make a bid for the money.

"We explained what we wanted to an architect who did the work and came up with a costing for the project.

Initially, the Navy rejected the plans because the plans didn't fit into the proposed budget so we did more work but were rejected again and it was only on the third attempt that we got approval - third time lucky," said Nick, who added that it took two and a half

years to finally secure the funding.

The key to the success was approaching the civilian builders, VJ Fleet and Sons who had built several of the stone built bridges on the course and who had been contracted to undertake the work, and ask what they could do for the money available - £144,000 from the Navy and £50,000 raised by the club itself, as in addition to being Southwick Park Naval Recreation Centre it is also Southwick Park Golf Club with civilian members.

"We already knew what we wanted - a mess room, drying room, office, workshop, storeroom and the main storage space and this is what we came up with," said Nick, adding that he'd be more than happy to talk with other greenkeepers who were looking at new facilities.

Prior to going ahead they did visit other clubs with new facilities and once they were happy with the final plans ground work began last June with the team moving in on November 1.

"We carried out the move ourselves and with the course being closed for a couple of months due to the flooding we were able to concentrate on making it happen. We had a skip down at the Boat House and were ruthless



about throwing things out - nuts and bolts, old tractor weights and wheels all went," he recalled.

The course itself is exceptionally busy with 40-50,000 rounds a year on a lay-out which only stretches to 100 acres.

"Not so long ago it used to be a mind boggling 70,000 rounds a year so you can imagine how busy it was then. When a ship comes into port we often get a party coming up for a game, although many of those who play are not regular golfers," said Nick, who arrived at the course in April '96.

Prior to his arrival a policy of replacing the existing push-up greens with sand based had been in place but Nick decided to spend more time on the existing greens instead.

"We had no aeration equipment when I arrived so we got hold of some and started scarifying and rapid coring, putting an aeration programme in place. The majority of the course is on clay which doesn't help and when they attempted to stop the flooding in Fareham they backed the water up to us, so we caught the brunt of it," explained Nick, whose contract states that he must attend BIGGA Golf Days and lectures.

One interesting feature of the course

is the fine bridge which spans the lake at one of its narrowest points - it was previously the disabled ramp at HMS Victory which is permanently berthed at Portsmouth.

The course does see its fair share of celebrities with the Royal Navy's most famous golfer, the Duke of York, playing a few rounds while he was stationed at HMS Dryad for a time.

HMS Dryad has a unique place in the country's history having been where Churchill, Eisenhower and Montgomery planned the D Day Landings and the three men used to adjourn to the village pub for a light refreshment after a long day's work.

"We've also had the Jim Davidson British Forces Foundation Day here with a whole lot of stars," said Nick, who, together with the team, has recently built some excellent new tees on the course.

The Course Management Centre is a fine example of what modern day maintenance facilities should be and Southwick Park Naval Recreation Centre has shown what can be done with a sensible budget. And those responsible have every right to look on with the the same pride as the Royal Navy would of a newly commissioned aircraft carrier.



Above: The beautiful lake at Southwick Park narrows to allow access across, via the old disabled ramp from HMS Victory (right)



Jeremy Pilcher, Course Manager at Copt Heath Golf Club in Solihull, describes the background and work that went into producing their superb new greenkeeping facility...

Top of the Copts



Copt Heath Golf Club was formed in 1907, with the great Harry Vardon invited to contribute towards the laying out of the 18-hole course. In 1912 Harry Colt, the prominent golf course architect, made an inspection of the course and advised on what could be done to develop the existing layout. Over the next 20 years he would return to Copt Heath on several occasions to upgrade and improve on the layout.

Following the war, during which land was used for farming purposes, the firm of F G Hawtree and Son was given the job of reconstructing the course.

In 1934 an opportunity to purchase Longdon Hall and its farm with 91 acres arose, this land adjoined the golf course and a decision was made to pro-

ceed with the purchase. Sometime in the mid 60s a milking parlour that had served the farm was converted to be used for greenkeeping use.

Over the next 35 years or so this building remained little changed, and during that time housed the greenkeepers and their machinery in increasing discomfort.

During 1998 two things happened, one was the club decided that new greenkeeping facilities were overdue and the second was a new Course Manager was appointed.

The latter half of 1998 an architect was appointed to design with the help and input of the greenstaff a completely new greenkeeping building that would meet our requirements for many years to come.

The siting of new buildings can often be a difficult decision, in our case we were already well situated with our present building as it sits almost in the middle of the course.

As things turned out our new building was actually erected just two metres from the end of the existing building.

The initial drawings produced by the architect were based upon what we thought would be the most practical use of space and movement in and out of the building.

This resulted in a building approximately 30m x 30m in total with a block

constructed of brick attached to one end which would house such things as an office, mess room and shower/drying room.

The main building would be constructed of brick and cladding over a steel frame. From our point of view this would be a very practical building and would easily house our machinery plus allow some expansion room for additional machinery. It would allow space for a fully equipped workshop and stores room.

Looking back we may have been a bit naive to think that the local planning office would allow such a building on what is greenbelt land and within the vicinity of Longdon Hall which by this time had acquired a Grade 2 listing.

However, the plan was submitted in December 1998, the planning office advised the architect that if the plans were to come before the planning meeting in January they would be turned down.

The club withdrew this application thereby saving the application fee which exceeded £2,000. Following extensive talks between the architect the club and planning officials guidelines were drawn up as to what the council would allow in terms of size of the building, the materials and the design of the building.

What planning officers had in mind was very far removed from our original ideas, they wanted to see something that when finished would resemble a group of farm buildings or stables, that in many ways would resemble the nearby barns and out-buildings attached to Longdon Hall. The materials specified were to include such things as a mixture of slate and tiles for the roofing and the bulk of the building to be constructed of brick that would closely match the brick of Longdon Hall.

As all this was going on we were still working out of the old milking parlour and preparing the course for such

Below: The new maintenance facilities were designed to blend sympathetically to the surrounding buildings of Longdon Hall, and were fashioned on old stable blocks



Right: Spacious storage areas mean all the equipment can be housed in a tidy fashion

Below: Building from scratch enables the inclusion of 'wish-list' items like this machinery lift



things as The Peter McEvoy Trophy and holding the Regional Qualifying Round for The Open Championship.

In the summer of 1999 Jim Tomkins, the architect, came back to us with his interpretation of the planners guidelines. The transformation was stunning! We now had before us a design showing a group of buildings around a courtyard, just as you might find on a farm or at a stables. Because of the design, some space had been lost, but after careful consideration we came to the conclusion that the overall design and the much improved prospects of obtaining planning permission made it a worthwhile sacrifice.

At this stage I would like to point out that at no time did the golf club put restrictions on our relationship with the architect, he always approached the greenstaff with any designs and drawing which were then left with us to consider, and if needed we then added our suggestions which would then be incorporated into the design.

After lengthy consideration and consultations with the planning officer the golf club agreed to submit the much revised design and apply for full planning permission.

The planning sub committee met on August 9, 1999, our concerns were misplaced, the design went through without comment, we now had our much prized planning permission. The next stage was to prepare detailed drawings and submit these to the contractors that had been chosen to tender.

In the meantime a builder's estimate was obtained to give a general idea of costings. This appeared to be within our budget.

Structural Engineers appeared on site along with landscape designers things seemed to be going along at a good pace, building work was expected to be started in October of 1999 with a completion around March 2000 in readiness for the new season.

October came and went then the wet weather started, other delays included such things as detail design and approval of drainage both foul and rainwater, the regulations and laws concerning the installation of fuel tanks in the ground.

Eventually tenders were sent out to four contractors including the one who had submitted the builders estimate, they were received back after a period of four weeks and duly examined by the architect. Winter was giving way to Spring and a start in the summer now seemed favourable. Out of the four tenders only one was within the anticipated cost range, strangely the contractor who has submitted the original builder's estimate now submitted the second highest price.

As there was a considerable difference between the lowest tender and the other three some time had to be spent examining the reasons behind this.

Finally in April 2000 the general committee of the golf club took the decision to recommend that the club proceed with the contract and agree with the main contractor a price and possible dates for starting the work.

To ensure that the members of Copt Heath were kept informed of developments we arranged to hold two open evenings in the committee room where, we made available full colour drawings of the buildings and in attendance was members of the committee and myself as well as the architect.

Contracts were signed on May 18, 2000 a start was made on June 19, 2000.

The summer of 2000 will be remembered as a wet and dull summer, although it did not cause many problems to the contractor some unforeseen difficulties did arise early on in construction with unstable ground conditions being encountered during the excavation of the foundations. This involved the importation of around

440 tonnes of stone in one day alone.

Site meetings were held every month so that any problems or queries could be aired, progress was checked at these meetings, which were attended by the chairman of the buildings and developments committee for the golf club, along with the architect and myself, the contractor was represented by his site manager and project director.

Thankfully the golf club readily accepted the need to change various things as the project was developing, for an example it soon became apparent that the three tonne capacity lift due to be installed in the workshop was not going to accept our fairway mower, a Toro 6700 due to the width of the units.

Consequently we upgraded this to four tonnes, giving not only a greater lift capacity, but also the required width to drive the machine onto the lift.

Another change that became apparent was the need to upgrade the heating system in the staff block, originally the specification called for a number of wall mounted electric heaters placed in the office, mess-room/kitchen and drying room.

I had always opposed these, favouring instead a oil fired central heating system, gas was never an option as we are some distance from the nearest gas supply.

The contractor supplied cost comparisons between the two heating systems, obviously the oil fired boiler system was more expensive to install but over a longer term would result in lower fuel bills.

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Security of the site was always going to be a problem, apart from London Hall the site is fairly remote, during the construction phase several attempts to break in to site cabins and storage areas took place, unfortunately this also bought unwanted attention to our existing greenkeeping building.

One incident that could have been far more serious occurred one weekend, two youths obtained the key to a rough terrain fork lift truck. After breaking their way out of the compound, they decided on a quick tour of the golf course via several greens.

After being spotted by a member who then gave chase, they abandoned ship, only to be apprehended by another member whose house overlooks the course.

The club after due consideration decided not to press charges, a decision also taken by the contractor.

These incidents did in no way hamper construction and as the end of October approached the building was nearing completion.

With the arrival of Autumn most of you will remember that signalled the start of the wettest autumn on record, this affected the final stages of construction to the extent that the underground petrol and diesel tanks due to be installed have had to be temporarily postponed.

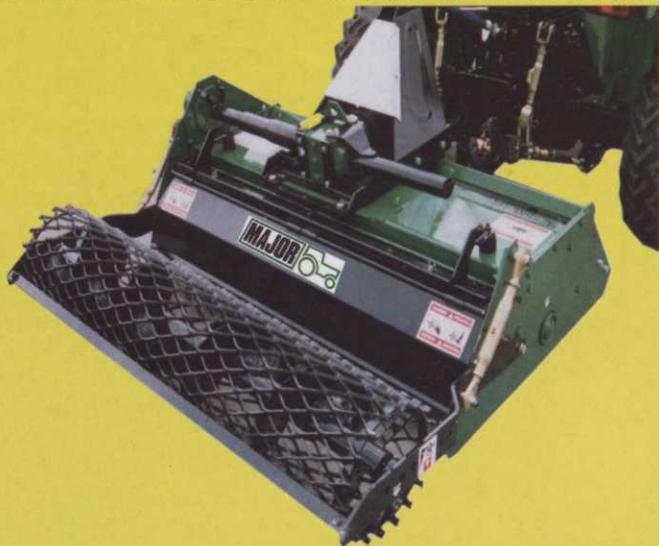
Also a new access road that has been partially constructed has had to be postponed. As I write this in February, these and the landscaping of the grounds still await completion.

Putting those aside, we have now a superb building which houses all the equipment and staff in very comfortable and secure premises.

The time taken in the planning and development stage along with the input of all the green staff has paid off, we have ended up with a building to be proud of

Looking back the planning officials actually did us a favour in respect of rejecting the first design, as we now have a building that looks far better than we could ever have imagined, and with the use of materials probably far more in keeping with our surrounds and probably far more durable in the long term.

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CUT OUT FOR REFERENCE

Workwear Solutions from FRS Countrywear

In the past year, FRS have provided specialist clothing to hundreds of Greenkeepers from all over the UK. We have illustrated here the products that have proved to be most popular during the past twelve months. We have also introduced several new products that we hope will solve some of the clothing and PPE problems for people who work outdoors. If you can't see what you are looking for, please give us a call - we are distributors for Regatta, Dickies, Hoggs and many of the UK's other major manufacturers.

Shell Waterproofs



Code: NBDJ
Lightweight PVC/Nylon Jacket. Fully taped and waterproof with concealed hood. A superb budget rain jacket. Olive, Navy or Yellow. S - XXL

£6.50



Code: NBDT
Lightweight PVC/Nylon Overtrousers. Fully taped with elasticated waist and access to pockets. Olive, Navy or Yellow to match NBDJ. S - XXL

£4.95



Code: SBDJ
The Super B-Dri Jacket. Highly flexible, fully waterproof and puncture resistant. Full zip with concealed hood and storm flaps. Olive, Navy or Yellow. S - XXL

£14.95



Code: SBDT
The Super B-Dri Overtrousers. Elasticated waist and studded ankles. The puncture resistant and easy rinse properties of this garment make it ideal for use when strimming. Olive, Navy or Yellow to match SBDJ. S - XXL

£8.25

Code: SBDC
The Super B-Dri Coverall. Zip front with storm flap. Elasticated wind cuffs and studded ankles. Olive, Navy or Yellow. S - XXL

£16.95

All prices exclude VAT

Thermal Waterproofs



Code: N

The Keeper PVC/Nylon Jacket. Fully taped, quilt lined with storm cuffs. One of the best budget insulated rain jackets around. Olive, Navy, Black or Yellow. S - XXL

£13.25



Code: NS

The Super Keeper PVC/Nylon Jacket. Heavy quilt. Tartan check lining. Fully taped with storm cuffs and hand warmer pockets. Olive or Navy. S - XXL

£16.50



Code: L

The Lakeside Waterproofed Poly/Cotton Jacket. Heavy quilt lining, detachable hood. Two-way zip and a multitude of pockets, both inside and out. Drawcord at waist and hip. Forest, Navy or Burgundy. S - XXL

£22.50



Code: MB

The Mowbray 3 in 1 Jacket. PU coated Polyester outer with anti-pill fleece zip-in inner. Can be worn as fleece only, waterproof outer only, or both together. Provides 3 jackets in 1 to give protection whatever the weather. Navy/Royal, Green/Navy, Navy/Green or Navy/Navy. S - XXL

£28.00

Alternative Waterproofs



Code: STJENG

The Super Traffic Jacket. A Hi-Viz jacket that is suitable for use on high speed roads and motorways. Conforms to EN471 (Appendix G). Provides the extra safety required when strimming or mowing on roadsides. Saturn Yellow or Hi-Viz Orange. S - XXL

£25.00



Code WCENG

Hi-Viz Waistcoat to EN471 (appendix G).

Not waterproof.

£7.50

Code: DWBS

The Dickies Waterproof Quilted Boilersuit. PVC/Nylon with stitched and tape welded seams. Heavy quilt lining. Zip front with Velcro fastening storm flap. 4 large bellows pockets, zipped ankle gussets, detachable hood and inside wallet pocket. Green only. S - XXL

£24.50



Breathable



REGATTA

Code: RSJ

The Regatta Scott Jacket. Waterproof and breathable Isotex coated microfibre. Concealed hood, adjustable waist and cuffs. Shaped lower back. All the benefits of a "Golfers" jacket at a fraction of the cost. Birch, Navy or Olive. S - XXL

£37.50

REGATTA



Breathable

Code: RAOT

The Regatta Alta Overtrousers. Waterproof and breathable Isotex coated Taslan with Polyamide lining. Taped seams, elasticated and drawcord waist. Zip gusset to knee. Two side pocket openings and one back pocket. All the benefits of a "Golfers" overtrouser at a fraction of the cost. Navy only. S - XXL

£19.50

Code: AWH

The Aussie Waxed Hat. Waxed cotton stiff brimmed hat. Available in Brown or Olive. S - XXL

£14.75



Code: WBC

Waxed Baseball Cap. Fully covered 6 panel cap, unstructured extra low profile. Showerproof wax cotton with fabric/buckle adjuster. Brown only.

£3.95



All prices exclude VAT

Traditional Workwear



Code: PCBS
Poly/Cotton Boilersuit.
 Concealed stud front, two breast pockets, two side pockets with through access, rule pocket, one back pocket and elasticated waistband. Navy, Royal, Spruce, Orange, Red and White. 36" - 54"

£7.60



Code: PCBSHW
Poly/Cotton Boilersuit. Concealed brass zip front. Two zip breast pockets, two side pockets with through access, rule pocket, two back pockets, hammer loop and elasticated waistband. Navy, Royal, Red, Orange.

36" - 54"
£8.90

In Green as ZIP Front Code: DRBS
Dickies Redhawk Boilersuit
£15.00

Alternative Waterproofs



Code: QBS
Quilted Poly/Cotton Boilersuit.
 Two way front zip, two zip breast pockets, two side pockets with through access, two rear pockets, one rule pocket, two back pockets and reinforced waistband. Navy or Royal. 36" - 52"

£19.50



Code: PCTHW
Budget Poly/Cotton Trousers. Zip fly with hook bar and button fastening. Belt loops, two swing hip pockets and two rear pockets with stud flap. Sewn in crease. Navy, Spruce and Royal. 30" - 48"

£5.85



Code: PCJHW
Budget Poly/Cotton Drivers Jacket. Zip front, two breast pockets with stud flap (one with pen divide). Double stud fastening cuffs. Elasticated waistband and two lower jetted pockets. Navy, Spruce and Royal. 34" - 52"

£7.45

All prices exclude VAT



Code: SSS
Short Sleeve Check Shirt. Cotton rich with one chest pocket and button down collar. Green or Blue. M - XL

£5.00



Code: J194M
Short Sleeve 100% Cotton Twill Shirt. Bone buttons, button down collar, left breast pocket. Red, Bottle Green or Navy

£11.50

As above but long sleeve
 Code: J910M

£12.75



Code: RT
Dickies Reaper Quality Poly/Cotton Trousers. Nylon zip and button fastening. Wide belt loops, two side pockets. One inset back pocket with button flap. Green or Navy. 30" - 48"

£13.50

As above but with full brushed polyester lining

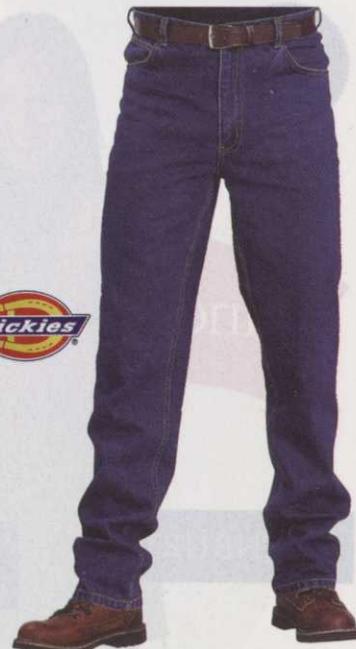
Code: WRT

£20.95



Code: DWP
Dickies Deluxe Workpant. Poly/Cotton Twill with Scotchgard protection. Permanent press crease. Two large pockets lined with heavy duty cloth. Wide waistband with substantial belt loops. Zip and clasp fastening. Two large back pockets. Green or Navy. 30" - 48"

£17.45



Code: DSWJ
Dickies Stonewashed Work Jeans. 100% cotton denim. Five pockets, rivetted at stress points. Strong metal zip fly front. Blue only. 30" - 52"

£11.75

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Alternative Workwear



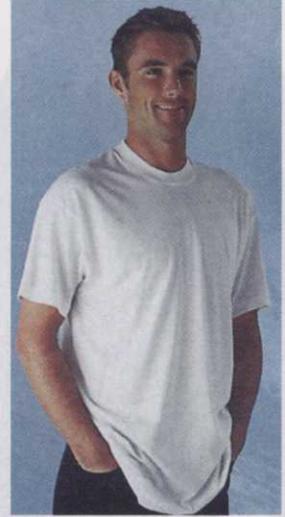
Code: PKS
Budget Poly/Cotton Polo Shirt.
 Wide range of colours available.
 S - XXL

£5.00



Code: PCS
Budget Poly/Cotton Sweatshirt.
 Wide range of colours available.
 S - XXL

£6.30



Code: CTS
Cotton Tee Shirt. Extremely comfortable to work in during warm weather. Wide range of colours. S - XXL

£2.70



birch	w. emerald	sky	fr. navy
br. royal	black	yellow	white
br. red	burgundy	bottle	purple

Code: J539M
Jerzees 539M Polo Shirt. 175g Poly/Cotton. Cuffed sleeves and two button placket. S - XXL

£7.15



birch	white	purple	bottle	yellow
br. royal	black	br. red	fr. navy	classic red
br. red	burgundy	w. emerald	sky	

Code: J762M
Jerzees 762M Raglan Sweatshirt. 260g Poly/Cotton. Twin needle stitch detail. S - XXL

£8.70



All the big brand names available – please call for more information or visit the Leisurewear section at www.bestinthecountry.co.uk



Code: FLJ

Super Heavyweight Fleece Jacket. 360g anti-pill fleece. YKK full front zip, two zip pockets. Shock cord at hem with toggle adjusters. Bottle, Navy and Black. XS - XXL

£14.95



Code: QFLJ

3/4 Length Quilted Fleece Jacket. 300g anti-pill fleece with quilted nylon lining. YKK two way full zip front. Two zip pockets and one zip inner pocket. Drawcord at waist and shockcord at hem with toggle adjusters. Bottle and Navy. S - XXL

£24.00



Code: RFLJ

Reversible Fleece Jacket. Pill resistant fleece one side and coated showerproof polyester reverse. Zip front fastening with two zip pockets. Elasticated drawcord waist. Black/Black, Forest/Forest or Navy/Electric.

S - XXL

£25.50



Code: FLJSZ

Half Zip Fleece Jacket. Pill resistant polyester fleece. Two zip pockets, elasticated cuff. Open bottom style with drawcord. Red, Navy, Forest, Smoke or Black.

S - XXL

£14.95

All prices exclude VAT



Code: ABW

Action Bodywarmer. Poly/Cotton quilted bodywarmer with matching poly/cotton lining. Five external pockets with lower handwarmers. One security pocket under flap. One internal pocket with flap. Olive, Navy or Black. S - XXL

£11.40



Code: RBW

Reversible Bodywarmer. Poly/Cotton bodywarmer with concealed zip front and stud storm flap. One breast pocket with zip. Two lower patch pockets. Elasticated waist. Navy/Green. S - XXL

£12.15



Code: LWCT

Stylish Lightweight Chino Trousers. 100% cotton. Single pleat front, two slant side pockets and button down hip pocket. Available in Stone or Navy. 30" - 42"

£15.15



Code: LWCS

100% Cotton Twill Chino Style Shorts. Front pleats and zip fly. Two side pockets and one back pocket. Available in Navy or Dark Khaki. 30" - 40"

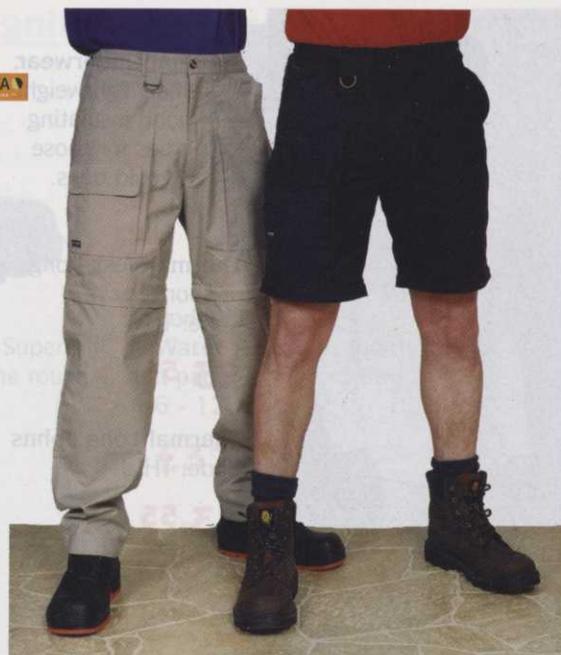
£13.25



Code: PCCT
Poly/Cotton Combat Trousers in conventional style with two front pockets and two lower patch pockets. Adjustable cord at ankle. Olive or Black. 30" - 46"

£8.00

REGATTA



Code: RZT
Regatta Peached Poly/Cotton for supreme comfort. Ideal summer trouser with zip off legs converting to shorts. Lichen or Navy. 32" - 42"

£13.00



Code: EM14
50% Cotton 50% Acrylic Sleeveless V Neck Sweater. Allows free movement of arms for particularly strenuous work whilst retaining the stylish look. Bottle Green or Navy. S - XL

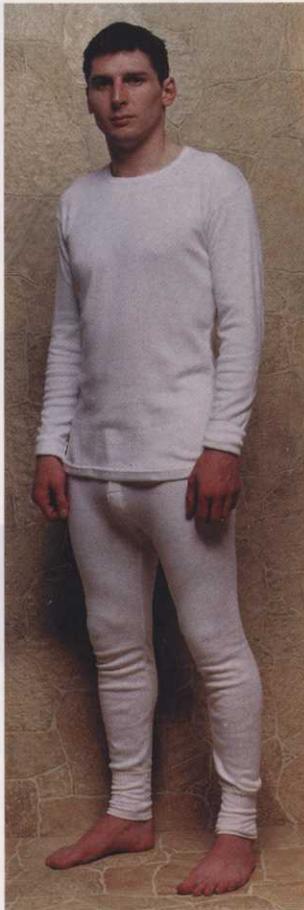
£10.95



Code: HWACS
Dickies Heavy Duty Working Sweater in three gauge acrylic. Crew neck with Raglan sleeve. Green, Navy or Wine. M - XXL

£10.95

All prices exclude VAT



Thermal Underwear.

Extremely lightweight with good insulating properties for those bitterly cold days. S - XXL

Thermal Vest (long or short sleeve)
Code: THV

£3.55

Thermal Long Johns
Code: THLJ

£3.55



Code: MODS
Combat Socks. Extremely warm and hardwearing. Mixed colours to fit sizes 7 - 11

£2.85



Code: TS
Thermal Terry Socks. Very warm and comfortable. Available in packs of 3, in mixed colours, to fit sizes 7 - 11

£2.25 per pack



Code: KH
100% Acrylic Knitted Hat. Ideal for embroidery. Available in Bottle Green, Navy, Black, Red, Royal or Grey.

£2.25



Code: SBS
Sea Boot Socks. Extremely thick and warm wool socks. In Navy or White.

£2.95



Code: BCLP
Low Profile Baseball Cap. Available in Bottle, Black, Red, Navy or Royal.

£2.00



Code: CH
100% Cotton Cricket Style Hat. Stiff brim with green underside. Available in Bottle Green or Navy.

£4.00

Safety Footwear and Forestry Clothing



Code: CDDC
Dual Density Chukka Boot. Lightweight with a low profile sole, this boot is ideal for work on or around the greens. 6 - 12

£14.50



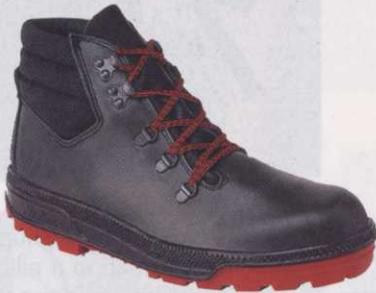
Code: ASBG
100% Waterproof PVC Boot. Superb in really wet weather or work in the rough. Black or Green. 6 - 12

£14.50



Code: SBRR
Water Resistant Leather Boot with a padded collar. Brown or Black. 6 - 12

£32.00



Code: T798
Green Water Resistant Leather Hiking Boot with Ni-Trax sole unit. 3 - 12

£39.00



Code: BSRB
Sievi Rocky Boot. Water resistant leather with steel midsole and scuff cap on toe. Low profile sole unit. 6 - 12

£39.95



Code: DTSB
Dickies Tradition Quality Safety Boot. Breathable lining. Black, Mahogany or Tan. 6 - 12

£47.95



Code: SRB
Sherpa Rigger Boot. High quality boot with water resistant upper and full fur lining. Dark Brown. 6 - 13

£38.00



Code: DRB
Dunlop Rig-Air Boot. 35% lighter than a leather Rigger boot, excellent insulation properties and 100% waterproof. Anti-clog sole profile. 6 - 12

£40.00 Fur lined **£35.00** Unlined



Code: BBSBL
Budget PVC Safety Wellington with toecap to EN345. 6 - 12

£9.60
£5.00 Non-Safety version

Code: PWSC
Purofort Polyurethane Wellington. Extremely lightweight and hard wearing. Keeps feet warm in the winter and cool in the summer. 6 - 12

£24.85

Also available as Non-Safety
 Code: PWC 6 - 12

£21.45



Code: PTW
PVC Thigh Wader. NON-SAFETY. 6 - 12

£20.00

Also available as a chest wader.
 Code: PCW
 NON-SAFETY 6 - 12

£26.00



All prices exclude VAT

Personal Protective Clothing



Code: HH
Economy Safety Helmet.
 Complies to EN397 with adjustable size. In White, Red, Yellow, Blue and Green.
£2.40



Code: SBC
Safety Baseball Cap. Reinforced insert to protect from minor bump or scrape to the head. **NOT** to be used as an industrial safety helmet.
£8.10



Code: GAM
Anti-mist Goggles to EN 166.
£2.65



Code: FV9
Headband and Browguard complete with 9" polycarbonate visor. Complies to EN 166. Mesh Visors available separately.
£9.70



Code: BBED
Budget Ear Defender.
 Complies to EN 352-1. Weighs only 167g. One size fits all.
£4.25



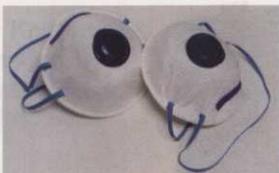
Code: BBSED
Deluxe Ear Defender.
 Complies to EN 352-1. Padded headband for extra comfort. One size fits all.
£7.50



Code: EAR
Traditional Foam Earplug supplied one pair in a pillow pack. Ideal for any noise at work or leisure.
£0.17



Code: TBS
Tyvek Protech Boilersuit.
 Protects from fine dusts, fibres and liquids. Ideal for protection whilst handling chemicals or spraying.
£4.50



Code: DFM
Disposable Dust/Mist Respirator complying to EN 149 P2. Suitable for use with most types of spraying. Please check with spray manufacturers recommendation. If in doubt, please call us.
£1.05



Code: MUFM
Twin Filter Respirator capable of handling most chemicals and pesticides. Please check with spray manufacturers recommendation. If in doubt, please call us.
£13.50



Code: BBMS
Specially Coated Sunglasses with unbreakable polycarbonate lens. To EN 1836. Smoked lens protects from UV rays. Modern style.
£9.95



Code: FAK10
First Aid Kit for up to 10 people. Contains sufficient equipment for a small workshop or office.
£17.50



Code: VFAK
Vehicle First Aid Kit. Supplied with bracket to attach to vehicle. Essential when staff may be long distances from base.
£9.95

Replacement cartridges
£6.50 per pair



Code: EW2
Eyewash Station holding two 500ml bottles of sterile saline eyewash.
£9.95
 Refill Bottle of saline eyewash.
£2.50

Chainsaw User and Forestry Clothing

Gloves

To comply with EU Legislation, anyone using a chainsaw MUST use equipment approved to the latest European standards to protect from injury. The main danger areas are the head, the hands, the legs and the feet. We can offer a range to suit the occasional user or the professional. Trousers and Bib & Brace come in two designs depending on the level of protection required. Design C protects both the front and the back of the leg. Design A protects the front of the leg only.



Code: CJ
Chainsaw Zip Front Jacket in Poly/Cotton. Chainsaw clogging nylon protection in sleeves and on shoulders. Hi-Viz for extra safety. Sizes S - XL

£105.00



Code: CTA
Chainsaw Trousers Design A. Chainsaw clogging nylon protection to front of legs only. High back for extra comfort. Sizes S - XL

£58.00



Code: CBBA
Chainsaw Bib and Brace Design A. Extremely comfortable and very wearable, this garment provides protection to the front of the legs only. Sizes S - XL

£69.00

Code: CBBC
 As above but Design C

£127.15



Code: HMV
Lightweight Helmet to EN352.3 with mesh visor and ear muffs to EN397. Extremely comfortable.

£27.20



Code: CG
Soft and Comfortable Leather Chainsaw Glove to EN381-7 Class 1. Protection to back of left hand with Kevlar lining and stitching to protect the most vulnerable areas.

£24.30



Code: TRE39
Specialist Woodcutters Safety Boot in water resistant leather. Steel toe cap and mid-sole to EN345 S3. Sizes 6 - 12

£76.30 (Zero VAT)



Code: CBR
Hi-Viz Safety Wellingtons with shin protection. Complies to EN345-2. Laced gusset at rear. Safety at a very affordable price. Sizes 6 - 12

£40.00 (Zero VAT)

All prices exclude VAT



Code: QLD
Super High Quality Fleece Lined Yellow Cowhide Glove in Driver's style. Our most popular glove and exceptional value.

£3.25



Code: CANYHQP
Yellow Cowhide Glove in Canadian pattern. Power brand. Extremely durable.

£1.30



Code: NAPPABL
Furniture Hide Leather Glove in Canadian pattern. Warm lining ideal for winter use.

£0.95



Code: C2W
Class 3 Leather Welding Gauntlet to meet latest EN standards. Essential protection when welding.

£2.50



Code: CRG
Knitted Polyester Glove with heavy duty Latex coating to palm and fingers. Gives excellent cut and abrasion resistance whilst keeping the back of the hand cool.

£1.75



Code: XX
Knitted Synthetic Yarn Glove with clear PVC criss cross coating for extra grip. Excellent value glove.

£0.50



Code: PVCFC
PVC Knit Wrist Glove. Cotton stockinette liner, with knit wrist, fully coated with red PVC. Gives excellent resistance to oil, chemicals and water.

£0.48



Code: PVCDD
PVC Gauntlet with non-slip palm, even in oil. Resistant to pesticides (EN Cat III). Extra length keeps forearms dry when carrying wet objects.

£1.30



Code: LFCKW
Knitted Glove with full cut resistant Latex coating. Ideal for all those rough handling jobs that require flexible hand movement.

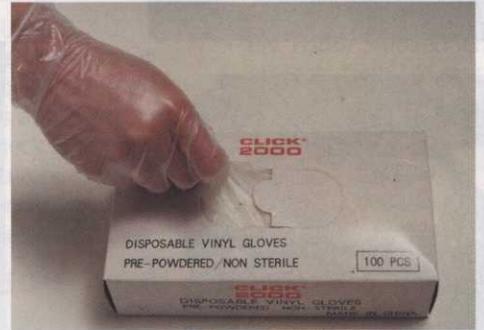
£0.75



Code: LEG
Lightly Powdered Latex Examination Gloves. Non-sterile. Ambidextrous.

Box of 100 gloves **£3.50**

Case of 1000 gloves **£30.00**



Code: VDG
Pre-powdered Vinyl Disposable Gloves. Non-sterile. Ambidextrous.

Box of 100 gloves **£3.35**

Case of 1000 gloves **£29.00**

N-DEX Really tough but lightweight Green Nitrile rubber glove. Particularly good for handling oils and chemicals without loss of 'feel'. Case of 100 **£10.50**

All prices exclude VAT

Personalisation

Personalisation of workwear is becoming increasingly popular. Many Clubs strive to create a distinct image for themselves and promoting your logo on staff uniform is one way of achieving this. Personalisation has also been shown to encourage team spirit and boost productivity. Many Clubs now include the job title and the name of their Greenstaff on their uniforms. This increases awareness amongst the Members of who is actually responsible for keeping the course in tip-top condition. Of course, it also helps prevent staff uniform getting mixed up. If you have any queries about personalisation, please give us a call.



Embroidered Text

We can embroider the name of your Club, job titles, or individual names in any of the five letter styles above. There is no setup cost and you can choose from a wide range of coloured threads.

£0.15 per letter

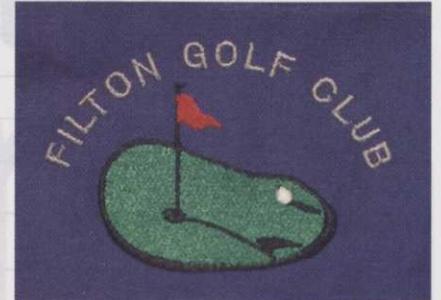
Minimum charge £1.50



Bespoke Logos

We can recreate your Club logo exactly. All we require is good quality artwork from which to scan and digitise the image. Price depends on the number of stitches in the finished design. There is a one-off charge for setting up the design. A typical logo costs around £50 to set up and £2.50 per embroidery. If you don't have a logo, or you would like to have a different logo to the rest of the Club, let us know and we will design a logo for you – for FREE!

£POA



We are also able to handle screenprinting and heatseal transfers – please contact us for more details.

FRS Countrywear OnLine

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website <http://www.bestinthecountry.co.uk>. The page features a navigation menu on the left with links for Home, Sections, Site Map, Info, Search, Cart, Order, and Email. Two product listings are visible:

- Super B-Dri Jacket:** Highly flexible, fully waterproof and puncture resistant. Full zip with concealed hood and storm flaps. Olive, Navy & Yellow. S - XXL. Price: £14.95 (€17.57 including VAT at 17.5%). Colour: Olive. Size: S. Add To Shopping Cart button.
- Super B-Dri Trousers:** Waterproof Overtrousers. Elasticated waist and studed ankles. The puncture resistant and easy rinse properties of this garment make it ideal for use when stinning. Olive, Navy and Yellow to match the Super B-Dri jacket. S - XXL. Price: £8.25 (€9.89 including VAT at 17.5%).

All items shown on this leaflet, and many more, are available online from our secure website. Registered users of **www.bestinthecountry.co.uk** will be entitled to a 10% reduction on the following big brands, to name but a few. See the website for more details or give us a call on 01746 716665

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