



# STRI Golf Environment Awards 2013 finalists announced

STRI is pleased to announce the finalists for the Golf Environment Awards 2013. They have been selected as the top golf clubs in the UK that have made significant improvements to their local environment both on and off the golf course. Winners will be announced at the Golf Environment Awards Dinner at Hotel du Vin on 22 January 2014, during BTME.

According to the judges at STRI the standard of entries was high as well, with a number of golf courses undertaking new environmental and nature conservation projects, and others maintaining and building on the work done in previous years.

Bob Taylor, Head of Ecology & Environment at STRI, commented:

“All entrants to the Golf Environment Awards deserve recognition for their efforts and enthusiasm and it is particularly encouraging to find that many course managers are now using their natural resources for educational purposes.

“The message is spreading that golf courses can and do provide an important resource for nature conservation.”

The coveted awards are supported by a group of sponsors committed to supporting and promoting proven sustainable projects within golf clubs – BIGGA, Syngenta, County Turf, Ransomes Jacobsen, Farmura, Greenkeeping, Golf Monthly and Operation Pollinator.

Also supporting the awards is US Open Champion 2013, Justin Rose, who continues as the official ambassador of the awards for the fourth consecutive year.

## Golf Environment Awards 2013 Finalists

**Environmental Golf Course of the Year:** Dundonald Links, Hankley Common, John O’Gaunt, North Foreland.

**Conservation Greenkeeper of the Year:** Boston West, Hankley Common, Lymm, Pyecombe.

**Outstanding Environmental Project of the Year:** Dundonald Links, Fairhaven, Luffness, Minchinhampton.

*For more information on the awards go to [golffenvironmentawards.com](http://golffenvironmentawards.com).*



Why will competitors flock to our stand?



**STAND C62**

**Has the answer!**



## DAVID WILSON

Many of those involved in the greenkeeping industry will be saddened to hear of the passing of David Wilson, former course manager of the Strathtyrum Course at St Andrews Links.

David only retired some 15 months ago after having worked a total of 44 years for the Links Trust, starting there as an apprentice in 1968.

Over the years David moved up through the ranks to become Head Greenkeeper of the Jubilee course, a position he held for 20 years before taking over the Course

Manager position on the Strathtyrum Course until his retirement.

David was one of the first greenkeepers to gain a recognised qualification in greenkeeping when he enrolled on the first City & Guilds course that Elmwood College introduced. Our thoughts are with his wife and family.

Gordon Moir



# Membership News

The latest news from BIGGA

**Following the Greenkeeper International survey, we've revamped the Membership pages – and we want you to get involved.**

As before, this section will highlight the many benefits BIGGA membership gives you, but will feature you, the members.

We want to hear your stories and experiences – so whether you've

found a new job through BIGGA, got help through our Legal Helpline or Lifestyle Counselling, worked at a high-profile tournament or even won a golf competition we want to hear from you!



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## WIN A KINDLE FIRE HD AT BTME!

BTME is the perfect opportunity for you to meet the BIGGA House team and our Regional Administrators – and this year we have a whole host of reasons to visit us on Stand B23, including the chance to win a Kindle Fire HD!

As you'll have read last month, we've introduced the Photo Booth for members to update old and unwanted membership photos which should create a real buzz on the stand.

Plus, at the end of each day of the exhibition itself, all members who've been in the Photo Booth will be entered into a draw, and one will be awarded a prize.

Then, on Thursday 23 January, we will put all members who have

had their photo taken across the three days into a mega draw to win a Kindle Fire HD! So don't forget to come and see us and you may leave BTME 2014 a winner.

BTME is the perfect opportunity for you to meet the BIGGA House team and of course that includes our four Regional Administrators.

In addition to this, we're encouraging members to update any other details which may have changed whether it's your phone number, job role, place of work, email address or postal address.

The BIGGA Stand will also again be featuring the popular Job Shop, the opportunity to buy BIGGA merchandise and the chance to buy a wristband to support our

new Greenkeepers Benevolent Fund. If you want to know more about your membership and the benefits it offers, B23 is the place to be.

You'll also be able to find out more on our superb Learning and Development, so if you're looking for training, advice or more on our relaunched CPD come and see us.

It will be great to see as many of you as possible on the Stand, whether you're a long-standing member or if you've just joined.

Also, if you know anyone not currently a BIGGA member who is heading to BTME, encourage them to visit us and we'll tell them why they should be...so see you there!

### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

(Full Members only)

Personal Accident Helpline  
0207 2048952

Greenkeepers Legal Assistance  
0800 177 7891

Lifestyle Counselling Helpline  
0844 770 1036  
www.arclegal.co.uk/carefirst

# L&D News

The latest from the Learning and Development department at BIGGA

## NEW CPD EXPLAINED

As part of the new CPD programme, BIGGA has launched an online CPD recording system for members to allow them to claim for credits, monitor their progress and print out their own certificates.

### So how do I register?

This has been one of the fundamental changes to the CPD programme. Before, you would have to fill out an application form to join the scheme whereas with the new programme ALL members are automatically registered as soon as they join. To begin claiming credits all you need to do to access your CPD account is log into Member's Area of the BIGGA website, click on the Continuing Professional Development button and then click the Visit CPD Website button.



When you arrive at the site you will be greeted with the CPD News page (above), where we will be placing news items and top tips to help you with your CPD.



No.	Date	Title	Description	Credits Valid	Active
6090	6 Nov 2013	Education Seminars	Northern Regional Conference	4	Y A
6097	4 Nov 2013	Education First Aid - 5 day	Dryeary	20	Y 20
6092	4 Nov 2013	Education Seminars	Turf Science, Galls and Grasses - Loch Lomond Golf Club	6	Y 1
6093	31 Oct 2013	Networking Golf Days	Section golf day at Aldwark Manor Golf Club	1	Y 1
6091	31 Oct 2013	Professional Support Team Work	Open Support	11	Y 1
6094	10 Sep 2013	Education Seminars	Northern Region Seminar hosted by Symbio at Aldwark GC	1	Y 1

### How do I claim credits?

There are three ways to claim CPD credits. The first is to click on the Claim Credits button and go to the claims page (bottom left), manually enter the details in the boxes and submit them to BIGGA for validation. So, if you claim for a qualification, such as a first aid or spraying course, you will still need to send a copy of the certificate to us. It can be emailed to [cpd@bigga.co.uk](mailto:cpd@bigga.co.uk) or sent in through the post.

The next option is to enter a CPD code. We have changed the way trainers, companies and sections can claim credits for events. Instead of sending out registers for members to sign they are now issued with a CPD code.

This code is pre-validated. Logging into the website to having the CPD appear on your record will take six clicks.

For example, at the Regional Conferences a CPD code was issued at the end of the day and attendees could write the code down or take a photo of it. All the Continue to Learn events have a CPD code plus there will be one for attending BTME too.

The final way to claim credits is by completing CPD quizzes or

questionnaires for BIGGA. We will download the data and upload the claims on your behalf.

### How do I view my credits?

All your credit claims are stored on the View My Credits page (main image above).

On this page you will see a list of your active credits and by clicking on the Show All button you will be able to view all the CPD you done and this is known as your Lifetime Transcript.

This has been a brief introduction to the online CPD system.

For further details of how to use it there is a Frequently Asked Questions section, a CPD Handbook and How to Guide in the CPD section of the Member's Area.

If you have any questions or want to get involved in CPD and don't know where to start you can email [cpd@bigga.co.uk](mailto:cpd@bigga.co.uk) or call 01347 833800 option 3.

Next month we will look at the CPD categories of Education, Networking, Professional and Personal Learning credits and discuss their role in the new programme.



**Gold Key Individual Members:**  
Steven Tierney MG, Chris Lomas MG, Andrew Campbell MG CGCS Ian MacMillan MG, Ian Morrison Andrew Turnbull, W J Rogers Sam Langrick, Espen Bergmann, Nick Gray

**Silver Key Individual Members:**  
Steve Dixon, Richard McGlynn Douglas Duguid, Jaey Goodchild, Graham Wiley, Michael Beaton, Paul Jenkins, David Barker

The funding provided by Gold and Silver Key Sponsors is used to produce training and career aids, DVDs, CD Roms, field guides and provide refunds for training fees and subsidised learning and development courses. The funding also helps support seminars, workshops, courses, the lending library, careers advice, posters and manuals.

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# A well planned visit to BTME makes you a better turf manager

Harrogate is once again the venue for BTME – and here's how you can make the most of your visit whether you're spending a whole week in North Yorkshire or you're coming through for a single day

It's time to get your name down for BTME 2014 as registration continues for the show where all the stand space has been sold and education bookings are 51% up on last year. To avoid queues at the exhibition, simply visit our dedicated website at [www.btme.org.uk](http://www.btme.org.uk) and click on the 'register now' icon.

We've had a superb response from both returning clients and new companies keen to join the unmissable turf event of the year meaning all of the halls we opened last year are full.

In fact, we're very pleased to announce several new companies making their BTME debuts. There will also be over a hundred returning exhibitors showcasing an unrivalled range of brand new products, initiatives and offers.

We're also proud to again offer a first-class Continue to Learn education programme which is improving year on year - and we're currently 51% up on bookings from last year so time is running out to secure your spot.

We've attracted top experts and trainers from across the UK and the world to Harrogate. The hugely popular Turf Managers' Conference returns on Monday 20 January. This will feature presentations from the likes of Dr Karl Danneberger, Professor of Turfgrass Science at Ohio University, Mark Hunt from Headland Amenity and Karl Morris from The Mind Factor on a huge



range of topics.

We're also offering dozens of seminars and workshops covering a whole range of subjects vital to the turf professional. Many of our popular presenters return alongside some brand new seminars and speakers for 2014. To pick just three we have Henry Bechelet, Technical Sales Manager at Everris, Justin Ruiz MG CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at Indian Summer Golf and Country

Club and Dr Ruth Mann, Head of Research at the STRI.

Our L&D Manager Sami Strutt said: "Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is central to all of the Learning and Development offerings from BIGGA. This has been kept firmly in mind when putting together the programme, ensuring the education is available for all, from greenkeepers and assistants to deputies and course managers."

Continue to Learn begins on Sunday 19 January and continues right through until 5pm on Wednesday 22 January. For full details on the programme visit [www.btme.org.uk](http://www.btme.org.uk) and click on the 'Continue to Learn' button.

This year also features our inaugural Welcome Celebration, kindly sponsored by Jacobsen, and we're delighted to announce golf commentary legend Peter Alliss as guest of honour.

The evening will begin straight after the first day of the exhibition on Tuesday 21 January in the Royal Hall at the Harrogate

International Centre at 5.30pm – and will feature a typically humorous keynote speech from one of the most recognisable and authoritative voices in all sport. We'll also be acknowledging the superb achievements of some of our members during 2013, honouring greenkeepers who have excelled in educational, professional and golfing capacities and toasting success in the wider turf management industry.

BTME is the place to be to kick start 2014 in the turf management industry – don't miss out.



## HOW TO FIND THE HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

Harrogate is located centrally on the UK map with ready access to London and Edinburgh.

A first-class motorway network, mainline rail, sea and 24-hour air links ensure that Harrogate is able to offer all the benefits expected of a truly global location.

Harrogate has excellent rail and air links with regular train services to and from London King's Cross via York and Leeds ([www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)) and Leeds Bradford International Airport is only 20 minutes from Harrogate with a regular bus service into Harrogate.

For details about travelling to Harrogate by public transport visit [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info)

### BY CAR

From London:

M1 - A1(M) - J47 signposted Knaresborough and then follow the Harrogate signs.

From the North: A1 - J47 signposted Knaresborough and then follow the Harrogate signs.

From the East: M621 - A1(M) - J47 signposted Knaresborough and then follow the Harrogate signs.

From the West: M56 - M62 - A1(M) - J47 signposted Knaresborough and then follow the Harrogate signs.

## EAT OUT

Here's a selection of some of the best eateries in Harrogate – advance booking is recommended



### B.E.D. Modern English

Tel: 01423 568600  
[www.bed.ltd.uk](http://www.bed.ltd.uk)

### Bistro Pierre French

Tel: 01423 533070  
[www.lebistrotpierre.co.uk/locations/harrogate](http://www.lebistrotpierre.co.uk/locations/harrogate)

### Cattlemens Tex Mex

Tel: 01423 561456  
[www.cattlemens.co.uk](http://www.cattlemens.co.uk)

### Chez la Vie French

Tel: 01423 568018  
[www.chezlavie.com](http://www.chezlavie.com)

### Drum & Monkey Seafood

Tel: 01423 502650  
[www.drumandmonkey.co.uk](http://www.drumandmonkey.co.uk)

### Harrogate Brasserie English

Tel: 01423 505041  
[www.harrogatebrasserie.co.uk](http://www.harrogatebrasserie.co.uk)

### Jinnah Indian

Tel: 01423 563333  
[www.jinnahs.co.uk/harrogate](http://www.jinnahs.co.uk/harrogate)

### Joe Rigatoni Italian

Tel: 01423 500071  
[www.joerigatoni.com](http://www.joerigatoni.com)

### La Tasca Tapas

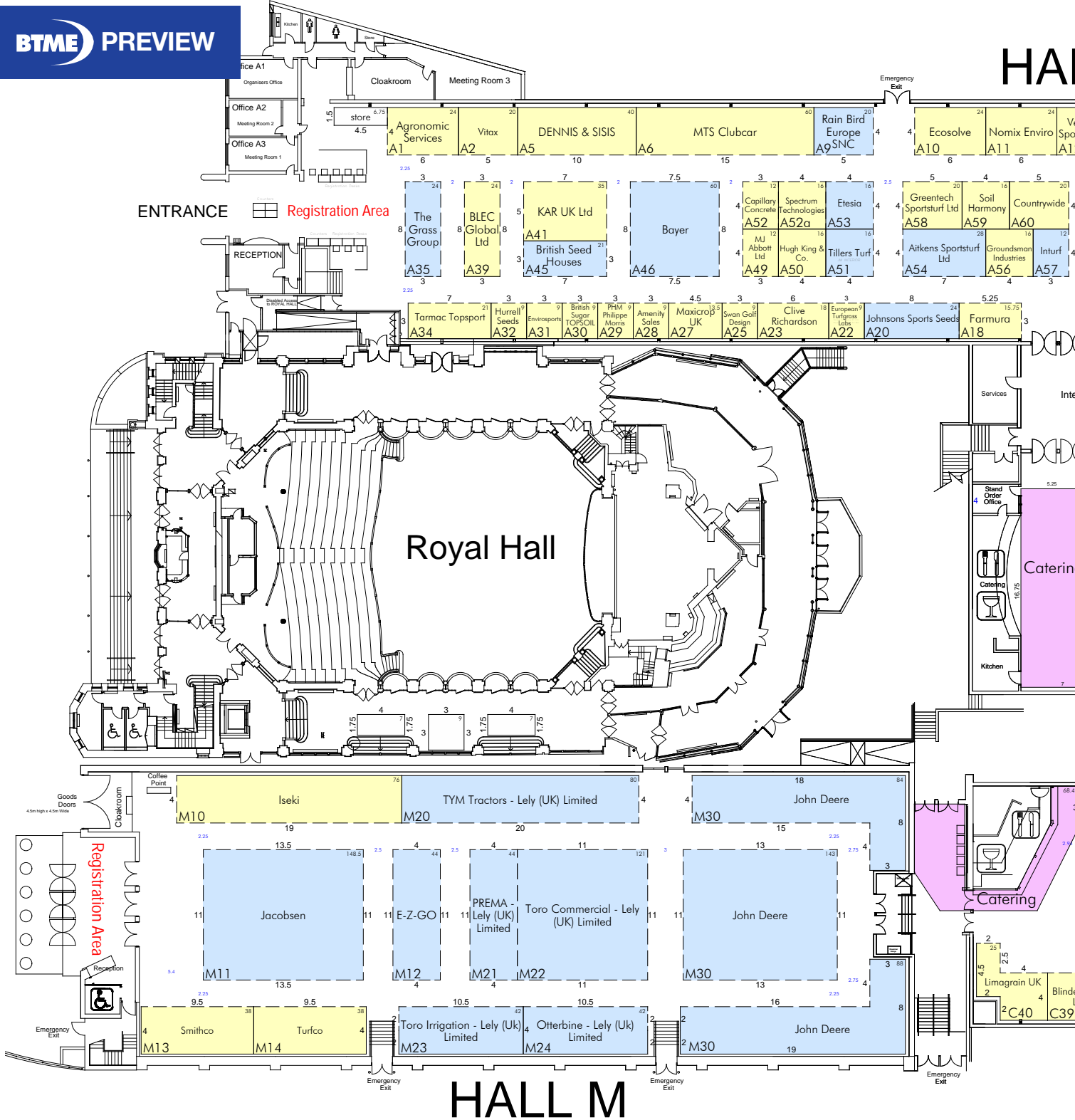
Tel: 01423 563333  
[www.latasca.com/harrogate](http://www.latasca.com/harrogate)

### William and Victoria English

Tel: 01423 521510  
[www.williamandvictoria.com](http://www.williamandvictoria.com)



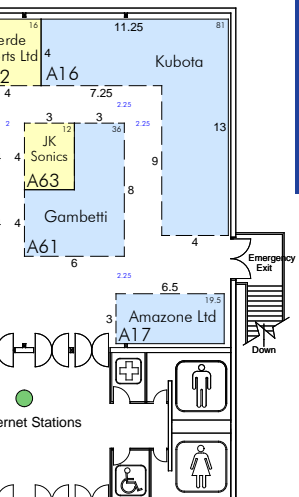
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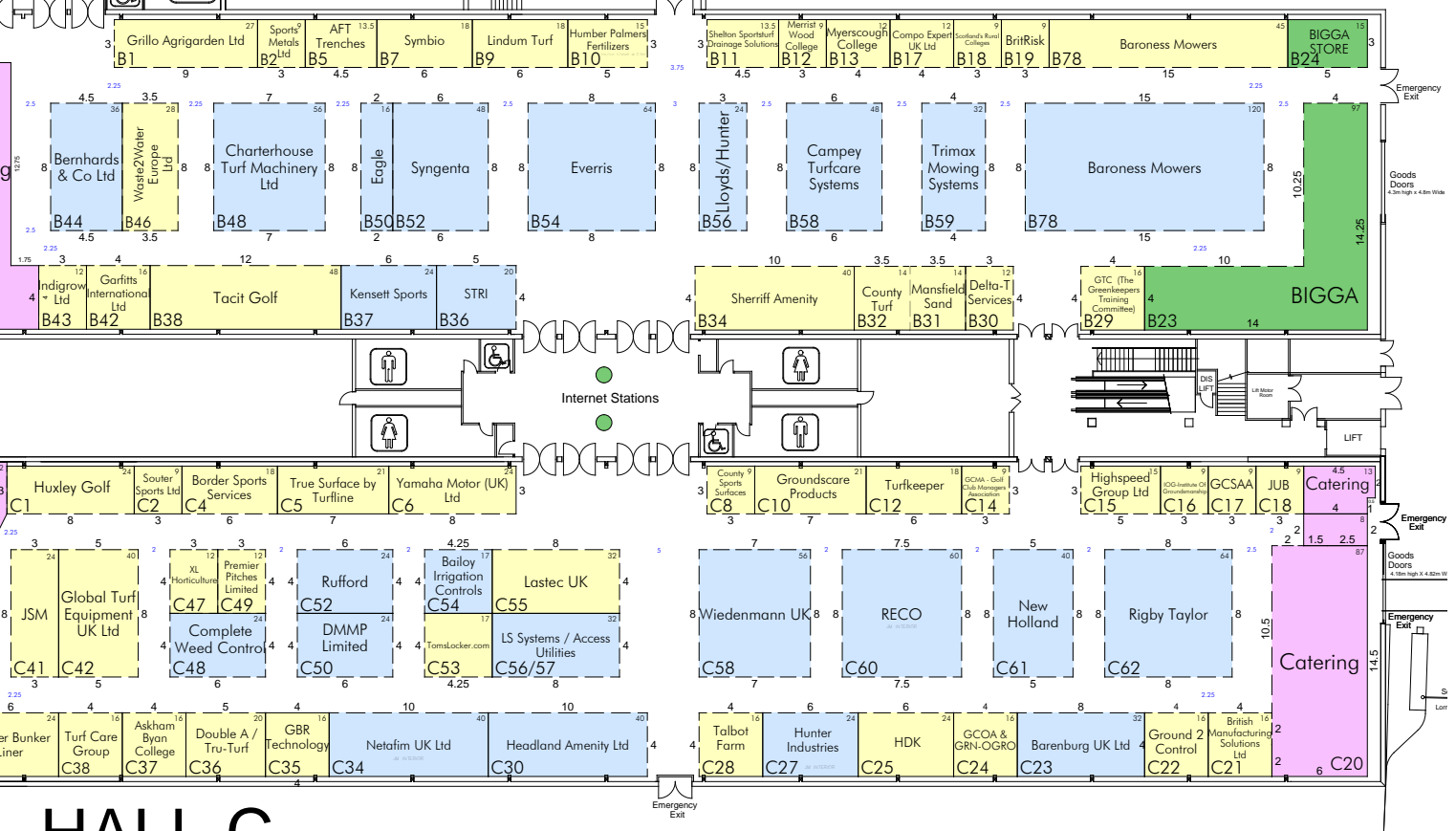
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| Access Utilities..... C57         | Ltd ..... C21                     | Eagle..... B50                    | Greenkeepers Training           |
| AFT Trenchers Ltd..... B5         | British Sugar TOPSOIL..... A30    | Ecosolve Ltd..... A10             | Committee (The) ..... B29       |
| Agronomic Services ..... A1       | Britrisk Safety Ltd..... B19      | Envirosports ..... A31            | Greentech (Sportsturf) Ltd. A58 |
| Aitkens Sportsturf Ltd ..... A54  | Campey Turf Care Systems B58      | Etesia UK Ltd..... A53            | Grillo Agrigarden Ltd ..... B1  |
| Amazone Ltd..... A17              | Charterhouse Turf Machinery       | European Turfgrass Laborato-      | Ground2Control..... C22         |
| Amenity Sales ..... A28           | Ltd ..... B48                     | ries ..... A22                    | Groundscare Products / Turf     |
| Askham Bryan College ..... C37    | Complete Weed Control ..... C48   | Everris Limited ..... B54         | TEQ ..... C10                   |
| Bailoy Irrigation Controls... C54 | Compo Expert UK Ltd..... B17      | Farmura Ltd ..... A18             | Groundsman Industries.... A56   |
| Barenbrug UK Ltd ..... C23        | Countrywide..... A60              | Gambetti UK ..... A61             | HDK Electric Vehicles ..... C25 |
| Baroness Mowers ..... B78         | County Sport Surfaces ..... C8    | Garfitts International Ltd .. B42 | Headland Amenity Ltd..... C30   |
| Bayer ..... A46                   | County Turf Ltd ..... B32         | GBR Technology Limited ... C35    | Highspeed - Course Care... C15  |
| Bernhard & Co Ltd ..... B44       | CRL - Clive Richardson Ltd A23    | GCOA & GRN-OGRO..... C24          | Hugh King & Co..... A50         |
| Blec Global Ltd ..... A39         | Delta-T Device Services ..... B30 | GCSAA ..... C17                   | Humber Palmers Fertilisers B10  |
| Blinder Bunker Liner..... C39     | DENNIS & SISIS ..... A5           | Germinal Seeds GB ..... A45       | Hunter Industries..... C27      |
| Border Sports Services Ltd .. C4  | DMMP Limited..... C50             | Global Turf Equipment UK Ltd.     | Hurrells Seeds ..... A32        |
| British & International Golf      | Double A / Tru-Turf ..... C36     | ..... C42                         | Huxley Golf ..... C1            |
| Greenkeepers Association .B23     | E-Z-GO ..... M12                  | Golf Club Managers Associa-       | Indigrow Ltd ..... B43          |
| British Manufacturing Solutions   |                                   | tion ..... C14                    | IOG ..... C16                   |

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Stands - Full Shell Scheme  
 Stands - Space Only

## HALL B



## HALL C

Inturf.....A57	Limited.....B31	Solutions.....B11	Tom's Locker.com.....C53
Iseki.....M10	Maxicrop UK.....A27	Sherriff Amenity.....B34	Toro Commercial - Lely (UK) Limited.....M22
J K Sonics.....A63	Merrist Wood College.....B12	Smithco.....M13	Toro Irrigation - Lely (UK) Limited.....M23
Jac. Uittenborgaard & Zonen BV (JUB).....C18	MJ Abbott Ltd.....A49	Soil Harmony.....A59	Trimax Mowing Systems...B59
Jacobsen.....M11	MTS Clubcar.....A6	Souters Sports Ltd.....C2	True Surface by Turfline.....C5
John Deere.....M30	Myerscough College.....B13	Spectrum Technologies...A52a	TurfCare Group Ltd.....C38
Johnsons Sports Seed.....A20	Netafim UK.....C34	Sports Metals Ltd.....B2	Turfco.....M14
JSM Distribution.....C41	New Holland.....C61	SRUC (Barony, Elmwood, Oatridge Colleges).....B18	Turfkeeper.com.....C12
KAR UK Limited.....A41	Nomix Enviro.....A11	STRI.....B36	Tym Tractors - Lely (UK) Limited.....M20
Kensett Sports.....B37	Otterbine - Lely (UK) Ltd...M24	Swan Golf Designs.....A25	Verde Sports Ltd.....A12
Kubota.....A16	PHM Philippe Morisse SAS A29	Symbio.....B7	Vitax.....A2
Lastec UK.....C55	PREMA - Lely (UK) Limited M21	Syngenta.....B52	Waste2Water Europe Ltd...B46
Limagrain UK.....C40	Premier Pitches Limited.....C49	Tacit Golf Ltd.....B38	Wiedenmann UK Ltd.....C58
Lindum Turf.....B9	Rain Bird Europe SNC.....A9	Talbot Farm.....C28	XL Horticulture Ltd.....C47
Lloyds / Hunters.....B56	RECO.....C60	Tarmac Topsport.....A34	Yamaha Motor (UK) Ltd.....C6
LS Systems Ltd.....C56	Rigby Taylor Ltd.....C62	The Grass Group.....A35	
Mansfield Sand Company	Rufford.....C52	Tillers Turf.....A51	
	Sheltons Sportsturf Drainage		

# BTME

# PREVIEW

Some of the products on show  
at BTME 2014



## SOIL HARMONY JOINS ILEX ENVIRO SCIENCES

Agricultural crop nutrition specialist, Ilex EnviroSciences Ltd, has acquired the Soil Harmony business from Charterhouse Turf Machinery and Mark Atkins, creator of the Soil Harmony concept, joins Ilex as Amenity Product Manager.

Ilex's Managing Director, Murray Smedley says "Soil Harmony offers a natural fit within the existing Ilex product range, plus it allows us to exploit our technical know-how in a new sector for the company".

The unique Soil Harmony turf nutrition system enables sports turf professionals to bring their soil and grass to the very best condition providing users with the most rewarding sports experience.

Soil Harmony will be at BTME on Stand A59.

## COUNTY TURF FIRST TIME EXHIBITORS AT BTME 2014

County Turf is delighted to announce its attendance at BTME on Stand B32.

The Scunthorpe-based, family-run firm is exhibiting alongside Mansfield Sand, supplier of sand based products including rootzone materials, topdressing and bunker sand, to showcase its broad range of turf and complementary products.

Managing Director Andy Fraser and his team are passionate about growing the very best quality turf for sports stadiums, golf courses, architects, landscapers and wholesalers.

They have been growing over 1,400 acres of high quality turf on some of the coarsest, free-draining sand in the UK since 1995. In that time they

have gained a reputation in the industry for supplying premium quality turf and excellent customer service thanks to their dedicated team of experienced staff. County Turf is committed to ensuring that the turf grown and supplied is of the highest quality and they continually invest in the latest machinery and turf technology to ensure they remain at the forefront of the industry.

County Turf is proud to have maintained longstanding relationships with many customers who are based all over the UK and in Europe.

Some of the well-known venues County Turf have previously supplied include the London 2012 Olympic Stadium, Lord's Cricket Ground, Croke Park,

and many golf clubs including Loch Lomond, La Moye in Jersey, Carnegie Links at Skibo Castle, Castle Stuart and The London Golf Club.

Andy Fraser said: "This is the first time that we are exhibiting at BTME and we are really pleased to be supporting such a great industry event.

"We are looking forward to showcasing our range of turf products designed specifically for sports surfaces and golf courses."

County Turf is a Member of Turf Producers International and the Turfgrass Growers' Association, supplying TGA certified turf grown to its stringent criteria.

It is also a proud sponsor of the STRI Golf Environment Awards.



## KUBOTA 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT BTME

Tractor and groundcare specialists Kubota are busy preparing for BTME 2014 where they will kick off celebrations for its 35th anniversary in the UK market.

Visitors to Stand A16 will be able to see first hand Kubota's extensive range of solutions for the groundcare market, including its fleet of turfcare and RTVs.

Compact tractors will be on display, plus a selection of ride-on and walk-behind mowers, the W821 Pro, W821R Pro, and the F3680 from Kubota's out-front series will be present. Visitors will also have the chance to view some of the machines from its fleet of utility vehicles (UTVs), the RTV500 and RTV900.

Visitors can also see one of Kubota's new breed of petrol driven UTVs, the RTV500, which boasts a range of modern features, including an electronic fuel injection (EFI) system that not only provides on-demand power and helps optimise acceleration, but also improves the machine's responsiveness.



This joint stand (M13/ M14) will feature turf maintenance products from the independent US manufacturers Smithco and Turfco. Smithco are renowned for their bunker rakes, greens rollers and ride-on sprayers, while Turfco are arguably the leaders in mounted, trailed and pedestrian topdressers.

Making its BTME debut is the all-new WideSpin 1550 top dresser, the most advanced addition to Turfco's WideSpin family, offering unprecedented control and precision. It features more capacity, easier hopper loading, programmable presets, rate calculation and a wider range of applications. As well as featuring the widest hopper opening in the industry, it also includes a larger capacity hopper to increase productivity and efficiency.

# SMITHCO/TURFCO

## E-Z-GO / CUSHMAN



For many visitors to BTME this will be the first opportunity to see E-Z-GO's refreshed TXT 48 volt golf car on Stand M12. New styling has updated the model's classic look while retaining its proven performance to offer a better golfing experience, increased fleet durability and easier maintenance.

The new TXT's updated styling follows modern automotive design cues, giving the vehicle a sleek, contemporary appearance. Many new features increase the TXT's durability and make cleaning and maintenance easier. The vehicle's front cowl and body panels are crafted from durable automotive-quality materials, an optional front bumper withstands repeated 5mph impacts and the steel-reinforced rear bumper is the strongest in the industry.

## NEW JACOBSEN PRODUCTS ON SHOW

