

Greens Update for Spring 2026

The signs of spring are here with the grass starting to shoot, green buds appearing in the hedgerows, blossom on the trees and the bulbs planted last autumn bursting into flower. Thank you to those who helped, it was worth it.

A lot of work has been completed throughout the winter to ensure that the course is in good shape for the beginning of the season, without putting a strain on the Club's finances.

Two measures to protect the fairways and tees during the winter were implemented: -

1. A local rule making the use of mats compulsory on the fairways has been successful with the condition being much improved. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. This rule will continue until the Captains' Drive-in on Saturday 21st March.
2. Members commented that the test winter mat in front of the 2nd tee was a success and a number of winter tees have since been installed with a resultant improvement to those tees. We now have winter tees on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 17th holes. This work will recommence in the autumn on the other tees.



The greens team, with the valuable assistance of the artisans, have been clearing areas of the course which had become overgrown and unsightly. This has improved the playability of the course (fewer lost balls) and made it aesthetically pleasing.

1. The area of trees to the RHS of the 3rd fairway has been cleared.
2. The remaining scrub to the LHS of the 6th has been removed,
3. The area surrounding the pathway to the red tee on 4th has been cleared. It is recommended that in the autumn the pond/boggy area is dug out, a liner is installed to contain the water as a proper pond and the area landscaped. The cost for a machine to dig out the pond and the purchase of a liner with underlay is £1500; labour would be provided in house. It is believed that this is a good investment to keep this area under control.



4. Clearing the areas around the ponds, which was promised in a previous update, has been started. The pond on the RHS of the path to the 1st tee, the pond on the LHS of the 15th and the pond on the LHS of 13th have been completed. The ponds to the right of the 14th fairway and by the 6th tee are next on the list.



We are pleased to note that the measures taken over the last few years have resulted in no flooding of the 4th fairway during this winter.

The bunkers have been deep raked throughout the winter. This will be continued throughout the summer and sand installed as required. Some drainage issues have been identified which will be progressed in the autumn.

The steps to the 10th tee have been repaired.

Javelin style flags are to be installed courtesy of our Club Sponsors and new centenary flags have been provided by our incoming new Lady Captain Janette for this we would like to say a very big Thank You.

These will be available for the Drive-in.

Hollow tining will commence on 23rd March.

The greens will be cut to the spring height as soon as the weather permits.

It has been suggested that biodegradable divot anchors are used to prevent the birds from removing divots on the fairways. This will be trialled from the beginning of the season with the anchors being available on the 1st tee.

After all the hard work, we look forward to a great start to the season and wish all our members an enjoyable and successful summer of golf.

Paul Collins
Director
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