

Huntercombe Golf Club

2019-2020 Winter Course Works Programme

Summary

The 2018-2019 Winter Course Works Programme has been guided by the Course Policy Design Document (HCPD) and the Rolling 5 Year Course Plan which has been approved by the greens committee.

The main projects this winter are woodland management, leaf clearance of the course.

Besides the winter work outlined in this document it is important to recognise and take into consideration that the day to day golf course set up and maintenance also still needs to take place.

When considering this year's Winter Course Works Programme it is important that any strategies are viewed and planned in both the short term and long term to achieve the desired goals.

Within this programme there are 2 types of projects which have been identified:

1. **One off projects** – which will take place in the designated areas and be completed this winter
2. **Rolling Projects** – which will take place this winter and will then be planned within every winter programme over the next 5 years, on different holes across the course.

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1. One off projects

- a) Felling licence 019/456/15-16 expires on 5th April 2021.
Complete work in these areas
- b) Greenkeeper shed refurbishment - Paint sheds
- c) Paddock area - trim up trees and organise.
- d) Repair road from greenkeeping sheds to Timbers Lane 6th hole
- e) Tee posts to move with new sockets
- f) Planting gorse at the clubhouse drive

2. Rolling projects

- a) Turfing jobs for worn areas – (see hole by hole guide)
- b) Scrub clearance works – (see hole by hole guide)
- c) Heather planting - in some mounds and grass bunkers (see hole by hole guide)
- d) Clearance of scrub encroaching on to pathways
- e) Scarifying fairways & verti draining fairways
- f) Overseed fairways.
- g) Refurbishment of course furniture
- h) Machinery service of all equipment.
- i) Topping up path with 0-4mm redpave.
- j) Seeding wildflower in rough areas.
- k) Cutting down rough on 3rd LHS & around top driving range for regeneration.
- l) Manage gorse by cut back.
- m) Plug patch rabbit damage.
- n) Heather areas weed and cut back.
- o) Risk assessment for timber lane cut back any over growing scrub or dangerous looking limbs of trees.

3. Woodland work & Scrub Clearance

The purposes of this work are to manage the woodland to:

- Allow the future succession of the trees
- Create woodland habitats for animals
- Improve the health of the trees
- Increase air flow and light on to the golf course
- Improve the play ability of the course
- Encourage natural wildflowers into the area rather than brambles and nettles
- Clean up years of leaf debris in the woodland

4. Hole by hole work plan

1st Hole

N/A

2nd Hole

- Turf the side of the tee that's damaged.
- Scrub removal/limb up trees RHS of hole.

3rd Hole

- Turf around the path to the back tee.
- Cut back scrub around the white tee up to red tee.
- The small tree at RHS of tee to be remove as it has fallen over.
- Tidy up the damaged hawthorn at back of green.
- At the back and side of the green cut back hedge.
- Cut and collect meadow rough on LHS. This will help to control the ingress of thorn and help to promote wildflowers.
- Turf area at back of green.
- Extend apron out the back of the green.
- Lift drainage lines and level out at back of green.

4th Hole

- Area to the LHS of the tee to be cleared of weeds and seeded with wildflower. Creating wildflower rich habitats supports insects and other wildlife.
- Turf area back RHS of green that has been damaged by rabbits.

5th Hole

- The scrub to the LHS of the tee shot reduced to 1m high and cut back the hawthorn at the end of the path.
- Turf area on apron.
- Trim/reduce the tree in middle of fairway. (Tree climbers.)

6th Hole

- Install a sleeper kerb in the path at the tee.
- The path from putting green to 6th tee reduce the hedge.
- Cut back scrub to keep an open viewing point from the yellow/white tee.
- On the RHS of tee shot trim the tree canopy back (tree climbers.)
- 2x stumps to be removed.
- One dead tree to be removed LHS of fairway.
- The tree at roadside at the path on to Timber Lane cut back the damaged area.
- Tree work RHS - selectively fell the damaged trees and leave the rest. (Woodland plan and felling licence recommend a more drastic felling regime.) Replant in line with felling licence.
- Extend apron by one band at the back of the green.

7th Hole

- Trim trees on LHS of tee shot. (Tree climbers)
- Remove dead tree at the back of the green.

8th Hole

- Limb up trees at tee to let in light in. (Tree climbers)
- Clear down the side of the path at the tee and tidy up fallen hawthorn.
- Remove hawthorn LHS of green then re-turf pathway.
- Rough on RHS heavily scarify and over seeded.
- Cut down dead tree LHS of fairway.

9th Hole

- Felling licence work LHS of tee shot 4 x Oaks
- Cut back trees LHS of tee shot (Tree climbers)
- Finish cleaning up old dumping ground.

10th Hole

- Trim/reduce the gorse at the RHS of green to 11th tees
- Turf area on apron LHS
- Turf the side of the tee that's damaged

11th Hole

- Felling licence work on RHS of fairway 3 x Oak.
- Remove dead tree RHS of tee.
- One dead Oak to be removed LHS of bunkers.
- Turf 2 x pathways at the 11th bunkers.
- Remove lolly pop trees and replace with a grass pot bunker. (Tim Lobb)
- Repair path over the road at the RHS of the apron.
- Rough on this hole heavily scarify and over seeded.

12th Hole

- At road crossing cut back scrub and tidy up the area.
- Tidy up and cut back scrub around the tees.
- Turf area on apron RHS.
- Rough on this hole heavily scarify and over seeded.

13th Hole

- Trim woodland at back of the green around the planted trees.
- Cut back hedge RHS of 13th tee to open view and to manage hedge row.
- Rough on RHS heavily scarify and over seed.

14th Hole

- On LHS between path and road, selectively fell the damaged trees and leave the rest. (woodland plan and felling licence recommend more drastic felling)
- Turf around bunker.
- Trim up trees on LHS tee shot. (Tree climbers)
- Extend apron by one band at the back of the green.

15th Hole

- Install a sleeper kerb in the path at the tee.
- Cut down dead tree on the RHS of the hole.
- Extend apron by one band at the back of the green.
- Trim hedge at back of the tee and plant the gaps with new plants.

16th Hole

- Trim hedge at the tee RHS
- Dig out the 2x crossing point on the 16th fairway and turf.
- Repair path next to the marker post on the LHS of hole.
- Turf around bunker.
- Rough on LHS heavily scarify and over seed.

17th Hole

- Cut down the 2x dead hawthorns on the RHS of the fairway.
- Turf area around the pot at the start of the fairway.
- Turf area at the bunkers.
- Rough on start of hole heavily scarify and over seed.

18th Hole

- Remove half of the gorse out of the pot on LHS.
- Tree at the RHS of old winter tee to be cleared up.
- Turf round bunker.
- Rough on LHS heavily scarify and over seed.
- Turf old valve box on 18th with rye grass turf.

Putting Green

Turf job at the bottom end next to 1st tee.

Remove pine stump and re-turf area

Remove old wooden posts from around putting green & ridgeway fencing.

Clubhouse

Dig out dead shrubs outside pro shop and replant.

Plant gorse down the LHS of the drive into the club.

Roadside & Little Common is the area across the road opposite the 6th tee.

Cut back reduce any scrub or dangerous looking trees.

Driving range work

Replace the 2x mat on the warmup range.

Cut and collect meadow rough on the warmup range towards the houses in Nuffield. Seed some of the areas with yellow rattle. This work is in keeping with the club's wildlife focus.

Create an amphibian and reptile habitat on the driving range.

Refurbishment of course furniture

Power wash then paint.

Bins / Ball washers / tee yardage posts / benches / yardage disc from fairways

Refurbishment of clubhouse furniture

Power wash sand down then apply a wood oil (2 weeks work)

Machinery Servicing

- Power wash and cleaning of machinery.
- Engine oils and filters to be changed.
- Hydraulic filter to be replaced.
- Axle & Transmission oils to be changed.
- Battery's checked & topped up.
- Fuel filters & water separators to be replaced.
- Greasing and replacing all broken grease nipples.

5. Managing resources

There is a green keeping team of 8 in total including the Course Manager.

The greenkeeping team will be split in to 3 groups to complete the winter works programme:

Course manager to oversee felling licence work

- **Team A** - 2 x Green staff will be working on woodland management
- **Team B** - 3 x Green staff will be working on golf course set-up and maintenance
- **Team C** - 2 x Green staff on leaf clearance work

Please note and take into consideration that there will be greenkeepers taking holidays during this period and any absence from work by team members, will affect the work that can be undertaken as it will reduce the already limited manpower available.

Samuel Hunt will be attending college to continue with his level 2 in greenkeeping.

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