

December Greens Update

Cutting Heights:

Greens: 4mm Tees: 12mm Approaches: 8.5mm Fairways: 16mm

What has happened?

Throughout November the greens have been cut or ironed daily. Approaches have been cut 1-2 times a week. Cutting of all other areas has been carried out as required. Liquid supplements and fungicide have been applied to the greens to maintain turf health.

Blowing and collection of leaves is nearing completion. Yellow lines and ropes have been put out around the course and more will be added soon. These are to protect the areas around the greens and high wear areas. Trolley parks are now in operation on holes 6 and 13. Please do not take your trolleys or buggies over the yellow lines.

Felling of ash trees affected by ash dieback (Chalara) has started on the front 9. Tree work has also been carried out by the practice tee to improve light and airflow to the tee. The Ventrac machine was hired in to cut areas that we cant access with our cut and collect machine and the cuttings were collected.

Planned Work

Greens will continue to be cut or ironed regularly. Liquid supplements and fungicide will be applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Approaches will be cut 1-2 times a week. All other areas will be cut when required. Due to the wet soil conditions and worm casts, it is possible that fairways will not be cut again this year to prevent smearing of the casts. If conditions improve, we will cut them when required. Brushing of fairways may be carried out to improve presentation. Bunker sand levels will be checked, redistributed and topped up as necessary. One final collection of leaves will be carried out when the final few leaves have dropped in the next couple of weeks. Felling of ash trees will continue along with other necessary tree work.

Landscaping and turfing will be carried out around the new tee mat on the 5th, around the new patio, and on the practice tee area around the new practice shelter. Work to remove the existing turf, relevel and lay new turf on the practice tee will be carried out in early January. Bunker renovations will be carried out on the 10th hole this winter as part of the rolling bunker repair plan.

All work is weather dependant.

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