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NORTH BERWICK  
WEST LINKS

# Winter Course Enhancement Projects 2023/2024



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## SUMMARY

As part of our vision and ongoing objective to provide all West Links Members with a first-class links experience, this winter's Course Enhancement Projects focus on 3 tee complexes and up to 17 bunkers. I've mentioned previously that communication is key in much of what we do, so we have created this short presentation to help ensure everyone is aware of how we plan to improve and enhance your course this winter.

**The following pages provide an overview of the planned and budgeted work on each hole and highlight the key elements, including estimated dates, work detail and temporary teeing areas to be used. The majority of the bunker reshaping and revetting work will begin in November, whilst the 3 tee projects are planned to start in January. The majority of the bunker work will be conducted by our talented Team of Greenkeepers using some of the skills they learned and developed whilst completing the 17th bunker.**

At each step in this plan, we have kept the Members at the forefront of our minds and tried to minimise the impact on everyone's experience whilst the work takes place. Around mid-January, the work will begin on all bunkers surrounding the 4th green. Due to the positioning of these bunkers, it is not possible to provide our Team with a safe working environment whilst play continues, so we will close the 4th hole and play 17 holes only for a short period. This period is planned for a maximum of 10 weekdays (Monday-Friday) with the full 18 holes being available over the weekends. We will of course add an element of flexibility and contingencies for any poor weather, and any delays or alternations will be communicated.

I am pleased that we have once again engaged Chris Haspell and Clyde Johnson, independent industry experts in agronomy, course architecture and shaping, to work extremely closely with our Team on these projects. Having already supported our Team earlier this year with the shaping and construction of the 17th bunker, Chris and Clyde's involvement helps to provide the quality and consistency of work that our West Links demands.

To ensure that the course is presented in a manner that provides a fair and enjoyable challenge, we will, whilst the work commences, introduce industry-leading Huxley Premier Tee Turf areas to several of the Par 3 tees. These all-weather moveable teeing areas will provide a quality surface that looks, plays and feels like natural turf. These areas will stay in play until the newly turfed tees are ready to be reintroduced back into play.

This overview provides everyone with the details on this winters plan and highlights the good management practices we are using to ensure that we can continue to present you your beloved West Links in the best possible condition for years to come...

Stuart Bayne, General Manager

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# Hole 4

- 3rd/4th week in January – 4th hole closed Monday-Friday (open Sat/Sun)
- Whole 4th + 15th tee turf removed, relevelled and returned
- Old turf that is removed to be reused for some yellow tees + bunker revetting

Estimated: 22-26th Jan and 29th Jan-2nd Feb (hole closed)

All four bunkers to be revetted whilst closed. Hole closed for safety and to allow the team to finish quickly and efficiently.

Yellow tees to be used whilst the new tee turf is ready. Planned tee back in play April 2024.

Remove old winter tee. Shape and replant. Fill gap in wall.



# Hole 5

As part of Project 3 (6th tee), the mound at the back of the green to be lowered and re-shaped opening up the view.

Both bunkers to be revetted



# Hole 6

- Start of February (after 4th tee finished)
- Remove turf, reshape and returf the tee
- Use winter tee with Huxley Premier tee turf until April

Estimated 5th-18th Feb

Returf these bunkers

Shape and relevel this path

Slight slope on blue tee removed

Mounding and material from the back of the 5th green to be used to form a natural slope to the 6th tee



# Hole 10

- Start of January, remove turf, reshape tee and mound and return
- Use winter tee with Huxley Premier tee turf until April

Estimated 8th-21st Jan

Path becomes route for greenkeeper vehicles and will be returfed on project completion

Tee walkoffs widened and turfed

Rubbercrum path removed and new grass path created. Slope to be softened and shelter will be incorporated into the new dune shape.



# Hole 11

Returf these two bunkers



# Hole 12

Return these two bunkers





# Hole 14

Returf these two bunkers



# Hole 15

16th Back tee area to be reshaped to ensure all of the tee is usable

Bunker and surround reshaped, returfed and revetted, sympathetically restoring it back to how it once was. 16th back tee complex to be softened along with the bunker slope keeping its iconic look.

Once the work begins a huxley premier tee will be used on the winter tee



# Hole 16

Returf these two bunkers



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**THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILST**  
**THE COURSE ENHANCEMENT**  
**WORKS TAKE PLACE**

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