

## **Course Report 2020/21**

An interesting year with COVID at times restricting access to the course. Outside of these times we have had high levels of golfers on the course made up of both members and green fee players

The golfing year got off to a shaky start with spring rains meaning the coring had to postponed twice and did not occur until October. This year's coring has been booked for late October to avoid a reoccurrence. Given the weather we experienced during September this has been a wise decision.

We have continued with the review of the watering strategy on the course. Further refinement (and seasonal conditions) has resulted in a further 12% reduction in water use compared to the previous year. Since the commencement of this strategy we have reduced our water use by 26%. This has resulted in better playing surfaces and reduced pumping costs. Congratulations go to Joel and the team for this initiative

During the year we said farewell to Jamie Hyde who took up a similar position on a course closer to his home. We then welcomed Tom Bailey who took up the position of Senior Green keeper

The implementation of our Biodiversity Plan has seen planting, weeding, weed spraying and woody weed removal being undertaken. A very successful tree planting day was held in May which saw some plantings in accordance with our Plan. Thanks to Carlsa Carter and Val Nairne for their help with this day and in all of the Biodiversity initiatives.

It was another busy year for our volunteers and we recognise the efforts of our regular bunch of Tuesday volunteers who assisted with many tasks around the course such as course clean up, path maintenance, fencing and drain repair etc.

In closing thanks to Joel and his team for again presenting a magnificent course week in and week out

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