

## Winter Projects Delivered

For the last couple of winters our greens staff have excited us with the development projects that they have completed out of season, sometimes in quite atrocious weather. This year they again have not failed to please, and we are receiving lots of good feedback from members. They have only to complete the laying of new astro-turf paths to have the course ready for the new season. Below are some of the key deliverables from this year's winter programme.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hole:** One of the fairway bunkers was filled in and a new one has been created closer to the gorse, and probably where an original bunker was located. Adam, Len Hutton and Don Weavers also carried out phase one of a gorse improvement programme.



**New bunker to catch the wayward pull to the left on 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**Gorse control phase 1 at the 1<sup>st</sup>.**

6<sup>th</sup> Hole: The green has been extended to the rear giving some 5-6 yards more of fairly level putting surface, and considerably increasing the number of acceptable hole positions.



**Extension of putting surface at 6<sup>th</sup>.**

8<sup>th</sup> Hole: The right greenside bunker is one of the bunkers that have been rebuilt and revetted this year with astro-turf. This will give us potentially 20 years of use before replacement compared with sometimes only 2 years before standard turf needs replacing – quite a saving on resources.



**New techniques for bunker maintenance at 8<sup>th</sup>.**

9<sup>th</sup> Hole: Fairly major surgery was carried out to slice away a sizeable part of the mound on the left of the fairway above the plateau. This allows players to see more of the landing zone for balls aimed left. Soil from this operation was used to fill in the troublesome gully to the right of the path, giving an area that can be more easily maintained by the greens staff.



**Banking sliced away at 9<sup>th</sup>.**



**Cabbage patch filled in at 9<sup>th</sup>.**

13<sup>th</sup> Hole: The medal tee had become more humped in recent years giving unsatisfactory teeing positions. It has now been increased in size and resurfaced, with railway sleepers used to support it and provide the similar pleasing feature as the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Tees.





**Improved and extended Tee at 13<sup>th</sup>.**

17<sup>th</sup> Hole: The Ladies Tee at the top of the hill has been raised and resurfaced giving a more inviting aspect to the hole.



**Improved Ladies Tee at 17<sup>th</sup>.**

So, the guys have done a great job – something to be really proud of – it's now over to you golfers to look after the course on behalf of yourselves and our visitors.