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the industry leaders,
the articles cover
many aspects of
Groundskeeping
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One machine. More possibilities: the evolution of FlailDek

From a proven platform with more than 30 years of development behind it to a versatile machine designed for today's diverse grounds maintenance requirements, the new Trimax FlailDek S4 builds on what has made the range successful while introducing practical improvements for modern operators.

A proven platform, continually evolving

The FlailDek story began in the mid-1980s, when a customer approached Trimax with a request to front-mount a Trimax Ezeemow on a Yanmar 186 tractor. The concept demonstrated the potential of front-mounted flail mowing,

eventually leading to the first FlailDek prototype in 1994 and full production in 1998.

Since then, each generation has evolved in response to customer feedback and practical innovation. The latest Series 4 (S4) continues that philosophy, combining the proven FlailDek platform with improvements designed to reduce maintenance, improve efficiency and enhance usability.

The approach has also earned recognition at this year's GroundsFest Awards, where the FlailDek S4 has been shortlisted in the Stood the Test of Time category, recognising products that demonstrate

enduring excellence through incremental improvements to a proven design.

Designed to do more

While mowing remains at the heart of the FlailDek S4, its versatility extends beyond conventional grass cutting.

Optional Y flails provide a finer finish in certain applications, while scarifying knives and the ability to set a negative height of cut introduce dethatching and scarifying capability. The converter flap can also be repositioned to switch between versatile mowing and specialised mulching applications.

The result is one machine

capable of tackling different seasonal requirements, without the need to bring in a separate implement for dethatching or specialist mulching work.

That versatility makes the S4 suitable for a wide range of environments, from council and contractor grass maintenance to golf course roughs and surrounds, estates, parks, schools and sports fields. Its ability to follow contours independently from the tractor, combined with a cutting height range of 0-110mm, further supports its use across varied ground conditions.

Built for public spaces

For councils and contractors working in areas where pedestrians and staff may be sharing the same ground, safe clipping management is an important consideration.

The FlailDek S4's clipping dispersion directs debris downwards behind the mower, helping to reduce the risk of material being projected into surrounding areas during mowing.

Less maintenance, more uptime

The S4 has also been developed with day-to-day ownership



in mind. Sealed-for-life roller bearings remove the need for daily greasing, while reinforced link arms are designed to improve strength and operator comfort. A double helical rotor is designed to cut efficiently while drawing less horsepower and operating more quietly.

A configurable gearbox mount provides two pre-set positions for improved alignment with different power units, while a replaceable internal liner helps reduce noise and extend mower life.

Proven in demanding conditions

For Grasstex, which carries out urban and rural grass-cutting contracts across Surrey, Sussex and Kent, FlailDek machines can work for six to seven hours a day across challenging terrain, including road verges.

"Reliability and efficiency are vital to Grasstex, and the Trimax FlailDek consistently helps us deliver both. It has improved our productivity by helping us cover ground quickly while maintaining a professional finish, particularly during the peak season." - Lukas Ozana, Contract Manager, Grasstex.

The FlailDek S4 represents the latest evolution of a proven design: a machine built not simply to mow, but to give professional grounds teams greater flexibility across applications, seasons and operating environments - all backed by Trimax's industry-leading three-year warranty.

To explore what the FlailDek S4 could offer in your environment, visit the Trimax website to book a demo.



STM Co Ltd and SCAG Power Equipment release the “Pink Warrior” Campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness

“Supporting real-life warriors in the battle of their lives”

STM Co in Warwickshire import, for the UK market, grasscutting machinery from SCAG Power Equipment in the United States.

For several years now SCAG in the USA have had a campaign called “Simply the Brave”, to support their Nation’s Heroes, with machines in military colours with discounts and a contribution by them for each machine in the special series sold.

This year they have extended the Simply the Brave concept to, as they say, “support our mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, and neighbours who have been affected by breast cancer.”

The machines are bright pink - and look simply stunning.

Sales, and therefore money raised, have started off well in the USA. Over here we have had several enquiries and are having a Prize Draw for a Pink Warrior before the machines go on general sale.

About the Prize Draw:

STM have a special link with the idea of Breast Cancer Awareness in that the wife of our CEO had a gruelling journey because of it. This was what led to the idea

of STM doing a Prize Draw for a machine they have bought themselves and ALL proceeds go to Cancer Research.

To purchase a minimum £5 ticket for the draw access is via the QR code which takes you to the giving page.

The Draw will take place at Saltex

(11th / 12th November) on our stand QO60

About the Pink Warrior:

It’s a 52” cut petrol engine Zero-Turn Ride-on, based on the SCAG “Patriot” machine.

More details on the STM website
www.st-mach.com





New dealer network brings Smithco Spray Star 1200 closer to UK customers

With a new nationwide dealer network now in place and a dedicated UK website at www.smithcoturf.co.uk, SmithcoTurf UK is making it much easier for turf professionals to see, demonstrate and buy the Spray Star 1200.

Already well established in North America, the Spray Star 1200 brings Smithco's proven spray technology to UK customers, backed by local dealers, demonstrations and aftersales support.

Built specifically for fine turf, the self-propelled sprayer combines accurate application with high output and straightforward operation.

Central to the machine is Smithco's Star Command spray

control technology. Pulse width modulation (PWM), turn compensation and 25 cm nozzle spacing help maintain accurate, consistent application across the full boom, including through turns.

For customers wanting greater control, GPS guidance is also available, helping operators work accurately across the turf while reducing unnecessary overlap.

The Spray Star 1200 has a 757-litre tank, stainless steel centrifugal pump and a choice of boom widths. Its centre-mounted engine and hydrostatic drive help maintain constant engine speed, flow and spray pressure throughout the job.

The layout also gives the machine good balance, while keeping key components accessible when it

comes to routine servicing.

Most importantly for UK customers, there is now a growing network of authorised SmithcoTurf dealers around the country. That means local access to machines, demonstrations, advice, parts and service.

The Spray Star 1200 is available now through Smithco UK dealers.

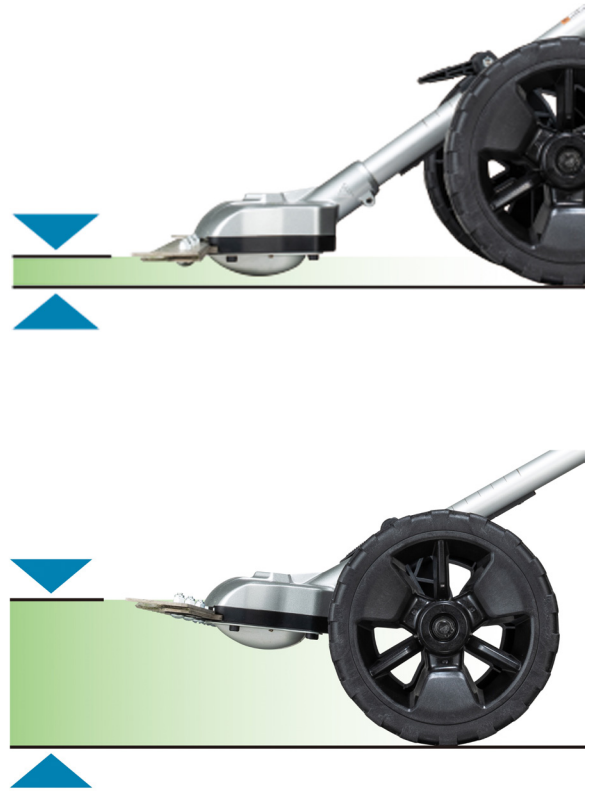
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MAKITA'S NEWEST GROUND TRIMMER MAKES THE CUT

The new UG001G 40VMax XGT® Ground Trimmer from Makita makes light work of longer, denser vegetation that standard trimmers or mowers may struggle with. Designed similarly to a power scythe or scythe mower, it combines cordless convenience, powerful performance and an impressive cutting width of 500mm, making the machine an ideal option for wide area grass cutting.

Designed with a self-standing, three-wheel build and a large rear tyre, the ground trimmer ensures stability and smooth movement across uneven ground, as well as easier turns. To further assist, the trimmer also features tool-less cutting height adjustment from the minimum 25mm up to the maximum 105mm with a handy, one-touch locking

lever, as well as a handle height adjustment. Additionally, it also has a foldable handle for compact storage and can be stored upright.

Furthermore, the UG001G features a soft start function and constant speed control from start to finish. Its innovative single sided, T-shaped blade is positioned at a 90-degree angle to the shaft, allowing users to trim effectively, simply by pushing the machine along with minimal effort, and without having to swing the blade from side to side, reducing stone scatter. Delivering an impressive 3000-4000 cutting strokes per minute, the machine provides both the power and performance needed for fast and effective grounds trimming.

To provide ground maintenance teams and landscaping professionals with greater safety and freedom, the UG001G is cordless, removing the risk of trip hazards. Finally, powered by a 40V XGT® Li-Ion battery, it offers a continuous runtime on full charge of 2 hours 40 minutes on low mode and 1 hour 30 minutes on high mode, with the ability to cut approximately 900m² on a fully charged BL4040F battery. As a result, the ground trimmer is ideal for large areas of grass, roadsides, river banks, sport fields and field ridges.

For more information about the Makita 40VMax XGT® Ground Trimmer and other landscaping tools, please visit:
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GroundsFest 2026: Practical Solutions for Today's Grounds Professionals



For professionals responsible for maintaining sports surfaces, parks, estates, schools, commercial landscapes and other managed green spaces, GroundsFest 2026 provides an opportunity to discover new equipment, explore the latest technology and pick up practical knowledge to take back to the workplace.

Taking place at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, on 16-17 September, GroundsFest brings together more than 500 brands across indoor exhibition halls and extensive outdoor demonstration areas. The combination means visitors can do more than browse products. They can see machinery working, compare different solutions and talk directly to manufacturers and technical experts about their specific requirements.

From mowers, tractors and compact machinery to battery-powered equipment, robotics, irrigation, tools, turf products and specialist services, there will be plenty to explore. For grounds professionals tasked with achieving high standards while managing budgets, staffing pressures and increasingly demanding maintenance schedules, the event offers a valuable opportunity to investigate technologies that could improve efficiency and reduce the time and resources required for routine tasks.

A major highlight is Machinery Nation LIVE, where leading manufacturers will demonstrate their latest machinery in action. Seeing equipment operate in real conditions gives visitors the chance to assess performance, manoeuvrability and practical suitability before making purchasing decisions.

Education is another key part of the GroundsFest experience. Across four theatres, visitors can attend a programme of free seminars covering some of the industry's most relevant and pressing issues. Sessions are designed to provide practical, accessible information, with expert speakers sharing knowledge that can be applied directly to day-to-day operations. CPD opportunities are also available, making the event a useful addition to professional development plans.

The Landscape Zone, delivered in partnership with the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI), will provide further opportunities to explore subjects relevant to the wider management of outdoor spaces, including biodiversity, sustainability and planting.

GroundsFest is also about bringing the industry together. The event provides a relaxed environment to meet manufacturers, catch up with suppliers, compare experiences with fellow professionals and discover new contacts and ideas. The

popular lawn mower racing adds a competitive edge, while visitors can stay on after the exhibition for the GroundsFest Festival, featuring live music, food and drink, free bumper cars and interactive entertainment. A Queen tribute band will headline this year's festival.

Entry and parking are free, with complimentary coach transfers running from Leamington Spa railway station to Stoneleigh Park on both days.

For grounds professionals looking for practical solutions, new ideas and the opportunity to experience the latest equipment first-hand, GroundsFest 2026 is well worth putting in the diary.

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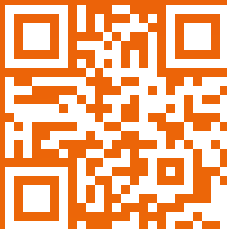


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STIHL UNVEILS NEXT-GENERATION PROFESSIONAL BATTERY SYSTEM

S TIHL has unveiled its new ALLPRO battery system, a next-generation professional battery platform designed to deliver more power, faster charging and increased flexibility for forestry, landscaping and groundcare professionals.

Developed to support demanding day-to-day applications, the ALLPRO system represents a major step forward in STIHL's battery technology offering for professional users. The new system opens up more opportunities for professionals to transition from petrol-powered equipment to battery alternatives, while remaining compatible with STIHL's existing AP battery system,

including more than 80 tools.

At the heart of the ALLPRO range is a new generation of high-performance batteries engineered to provide increased power output, longer running times and significantly longer service life, while maintaining the robust durability expected from STIHL products.

The system also introduces ultra-fast charging capabilities. When paired with the appropriate STIHL mobile fast charger, batteries can be charged to 80 per cent capacity in just nine minutes, helping to minimise downtime and

maximise productivity on-site.

The launch of ALLPRO forms part of STIHL's wider battery transformation strategy, opening up many fields of application where customers previously had to rely on combustion-powered equipment. STIHL continues to invest heavily in battery innovation technology, underscoring its ambition to position itself as a leading provider of outdoor power equipment in the battery segment.

Paul Hicks, Product Manager at STIHL GB, said: "The launch of the ALLPRO battery system marks a significant milestone for STIHL and for our professional customers. ALLPRO has been

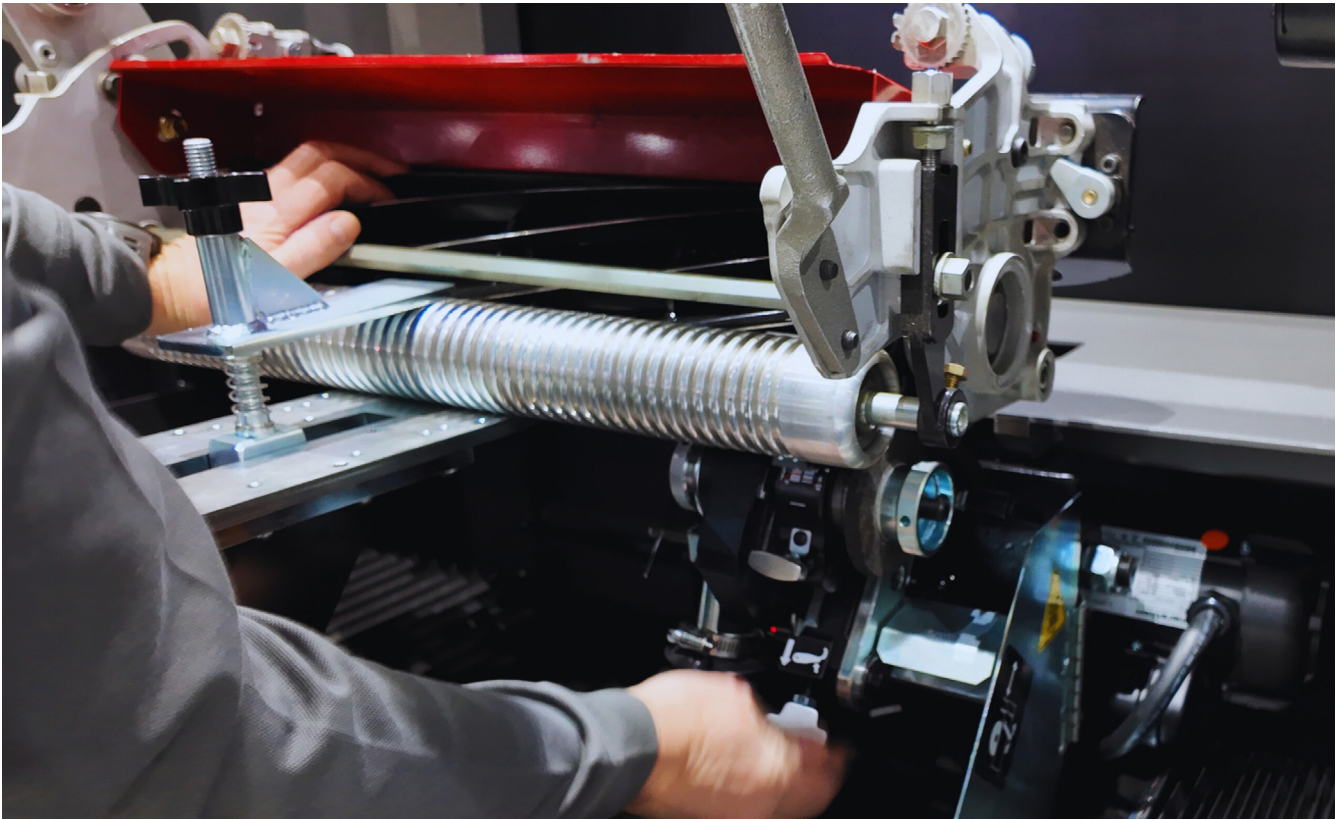
developed to deliver the levels of power, durability and performance professionals demand, while also supporting the ongoing transition towards battery-powered equipment across forestry, arboriculture, landscaping and construction applications.

“By combining our experience in professional outdoor power equipment with decades of battery expertise, ALLPRO provides professionals with a system that can handle even the most demanding working environments.”

STIHL’s extensive network of Approved Dealers across Great Britain will be fully trained in ALLPRO battery technology via online and nationwide face-to-face events over the coming weeks. The STIHL Approved Dealer network will continue to help all customers choose the best tools, batteries and charge management solutions to suit their needs.

For more information on the new ALLPRO battery system, visit www.stihl.co.uk





ProSport UK Puts Quality of Cut at the Heart of GroundsFest Display

ProSport UK will put quality of cut at the centre of its GroundsFest display as it brings the Foley 672 Accu-Pro AT and 642 Quick-Spin Reel Grinder to Stand 46.

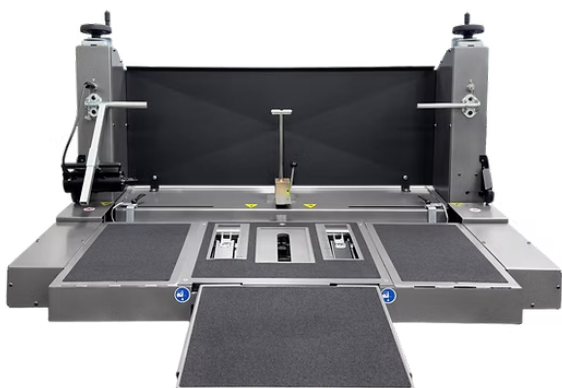
Listed under the Foley Company name, ProSport will demonstrate how accurate bedknife and reel grinding can improve cutting performance, turf presentation, and workshop efficiency.

The Foley 672 Accu-Pro AT semi-automatic bedknife grinder has been designed to deliver consistent results while simplifying setup and operation. Fast angle positioning, electromagnetic mounting, and a precision traverse system help operators achieve an accurate grind across a wide range of bedknives.

Alongside it, the floor-level Foley 642 Quick-Spin

provides a practical solution for touch-up spin grinding between scheduled relief grinds. Its roll-on, roll-off design removes the need for lifting equipment, making it particularly suited to the wider and heavier cutting units commonly used on sports pitches.

Capable of accommodating reels up to 42 inches wide, the 642 allows operators to restore a sharp cutting edge quickly,



helping to reduce machinery downtime and preserve the reel-to-bedknife relationship required for a clean, consistent cut.

For facilities managing demanding mowing schedules, in-house grinding gives workshop teams greater control over when cutting units are serviced. Reels and bedknives can be maintained as part of a planned programme rather than waiting for cutting

performance to decline, helping machinery return to work quickly and deliver a consistently high-quality finish throughout the season.

Together, the two machines demonstrate a complementary approach to sharpening, combining accurate bedknife grinding with fast reel touch-ups. Visitors to Stand 46 will be able to speak with ProSport UK Managing Director Ian Robson about their existing grinding arrangements, workshop requirements, and the most suitable approach for their machinery fleet.

As Foley Company's UK dealer, ProSport provides grinding machinery, technical knowledge, and ongoing support to customers across the professional turf industry. Its offering also includes Salsco petrol and electric greens rollers, which it distributes throughout the UK following Foley Company's acquisition of Salsco.

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The Winton Pro range includes turf groomers, aerators, finishing and flail mowers, sand spreaders, top dressers, hedge cutters and trimmers, providing versatile solutions for year-round groundcare maintenance.

From routine mowing and turf maintenance to seasonal renovation and specialist grounds work, the range is designed to help operators achieve professional results efficiently and consistently.

Each attachment has been engineered with productivity and reliability at its core. Robust construction and carefully considered design help maximise working efficiency, minimise downtime and ensure dependable performance throughout demanding working schedules. For commercial users, where time, consistency and operating costs are critical, equipment needs to perform when it matters most.

Whether maintaining sports pitches, parks, estates, public spaces or other professionally managed grounds, Winton Pro provides equipment designed to meet the demands of intensive, day-to-day use. The range gives operators the confidence to

tackle routine maintenance as well as more demanding seasonal work, helping them achieve a high-quality finish while making the most of their time and machinery.

Winton Pro represents a commitment to developing equipment that works in partnership with professional users. By combining practical experience, robust engineering and a clear understanding of modern groundcare requirements, the range offers dependable attachments for businesses and organisations looking to improve productivity without compromising on the quality of their finished results.

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Major to Showcase Landscape Solutions at GroundsFest!

Major Equipment returns to GroundsFest 2026, where visitors will be able to explore a wide range of professional mowing and vegetation management equipment designed for contractors, local authorities, estates, sports facilities, and grounds maintenance professionals at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire from 16th & 17th September 2026.

Machines at the company's stand (OSA460) will include the MJTDR-490 TriDeck Roller Mower, offering a 4.9m cutting width, independent folding wings and excellent striping performance

across sports fields, parks and amenity grassland. Also on display will be the MJ65-300 CS Pro Mower, trusted by contractors and local authorities for its wide cutting width and superior finish, and the MJ71-400 Swift Roller Mower, renowned for its durability, corrosion resistance and consistent performance.

Major Equipment will also display the MJ29-180 High tip Flail Collector, a versatile machine for cutting and collecting grass, leaves and meadow cuttings, with a 2m tipping height for easy unloading. For roadside vegetation, hedgerows and land clearance, Major offers the

MJ39 Rotary Hedgecutter for power arms and excavators.

New to GroundsFest 2026 will be 2.8m front mounted hydraulic Cyclone which transforms skid steer loaders into a serious vegetation management system with less fuel and power requirements than other attachments.

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Kress at GroundsFest 2026: Stand RB290

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Kress returns to GroundsFest 2026 with its biggest showcase yet. Once again, you'll find the

team right by the main entrance on Stand RB290, making it easy to stop by and experience the latest innovations in professional landscaping equipment. Throughout the show, visitors will have the chance to see cutting-edge technology in action, get hands-on with the latest products and speak to the experts behind the range.

Here's what you can expect:

- See the action: Watch live demonstrations of the all-new Voyager 60, the Master Series robotic mower range, iPilot technology and Kress's game-changing 4x4 robotic mower.
- Expert advice: Meet the Kress team and discover how the

latest advances in performance, productivity and battery technology can help transform your business.

- Live demonstrations: Visit the demonstration stage throughout the day for presentations covering the newest additions to the Kress range, alongside the proven favourites professionals already know and trust.
- Get hands-on: Put the latest chainsaws, hedge cutters, brush cutters, blowers and more through their paces, with the Kress team on hand to answer your questions.
- Compete for prizes: Back by popular demand, the Kress blower challenge returns with a golf-themed twist. You can also test your skills in the football challenge, with plenty of Kress prizes and merchandise up for grabs.

- Take a break: Enjoy award-winning pizza from Mono Pizza, back by popular demand, along with the fresh barista coffee that has become a Kress tradition at GroundsFest.
- Explore the range: Browse the complete commercial and domestic Kress product portfolio, with plenty of opportunities to see the equipment up close and try it for yourself.

Whether you're looking to discover the latest technology, get practical advice from the experts or simply experience the newest equipment first-hand, there's something for everyone at the Kress stand during GroundsFest 2026.

For more information, please visit <https://www.kress.com/en-gb/>



“It’s important to us that we deliver a high-quality service, but also that we do so in the most environmentally responsible way possible.”

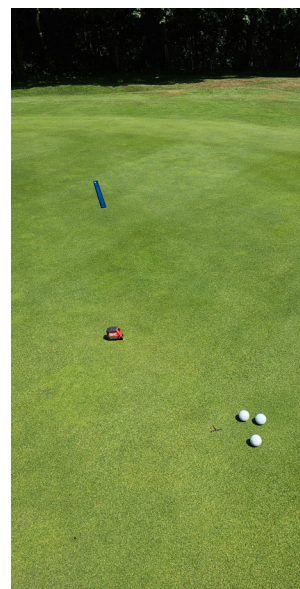
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Across Westminster’s parks and open spaces, Krinkels UK is demonstrating how battery-powered technology can meet the demands of professional grounds maintenance. With a new fleet of Kress commercial equipment, they are improving efficiency, reducing emissions and creating a more comfortable working environment for operators and visitors without compromising on performance.

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From Summer Stress to Winter Resilience

Following prolonged dry conditions across the UK, the Consolidate Summer Stress Recovery Programme offers an integrated approach to restoring turf health, performance and resilience ahead of winter.

Developed by Consolidate Turf Health Solutions, the programme combines Consolidate, De-Stress, FWY-ISP and OARS HS to address the plant, soil and water-management challenges that can remain after a difficult summer.

Although rainfall may bring a welcome improvement in turf colour, a greener surface does not necessarily indicate that the plant and soil have fully recovered. Compaction, weakened root systems, reduced biological activity, poor water infiltration and uneven turf development may continue to

limit surface performance.

If these underlying issues are left unaddressed, turf can enter autumn less able to tolerate wear, increased disease pressure and the more difficult growing conditions associated with winter.

Looking Beyond the Surface

Extended periods of heat and limited rainfall can restrict root development and affect the movement of water through the soil profile. Dry or water-repellent areas may prevent subsequent rainfall or irrigation from being used effectively, with water running off, moving inconsistently through the profile or failing to reach the rootzone.

Restoring turf health must therefore involve more than improving its surface appearance. Plant stress, soil condition, rooting and water

management need to be considered as connected parts of the same process.

Recover, Restore and Rebuild

No single input can address every consequence of prolonged drought. The Consolidate Summer Stress Recovery Programme brings together four complementary products to provide a coordinated response above and below the surface.

Within the programme, Consolidate supplies stabilised nitrogen to support balanced growth, plant health and resilience, while the antioxidants in De-Stress help relieve plant stress. FWY-ISP improves water penetration and infiltration, while OARS HS controls water repellency and promotes more uniform moisture distribution and retention throughout the rootzone.

Together, these products are designed to relieve plant stress, improve soil performance and encourage stronger rooting. By also helping water move more effectively through the profile, the programme supports faster, more consistent turf improvement and greater resilience for the months ahead.

Suitable for managed natural turf across golf courses, sports pitches, racecourses, educational sites, parks and amenity spaces, the programme can be tailored to the needs of each surface.

Making the Most of the Autumn Window

Late summer and early autumn provide an important

opportunity to restore turf health. Soil temperatures generally remain favourable for root development and biological activity, giving turf managers time to strengthen plants and improve soil performance before growth slows during winter.

Waiting too long could mean carrying weakened turf into a period of lower growth and reduced repair potential. Surfaces may then become more vulnerable to wear, disease and inconsistent performance, with the consequences potentially continuing into spring.

Every site is different. Soil type, turf species, levels of use, irrigation provision and the severity of summer stress

will all influence the most appropriate course of action. The Consolidate Turf Health Solutions technical team can tailor the programme to the conditions and objectives of each surface.

The autumn window is limited. Acting while soil temperatures remain favourable can provide turf with the foundations it needs to withstand winter and emerge in a stronger position next spring.

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Turf Tank Unveils Expanded Robot Capabilities at GroundsFest 2026



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GroundsFest 2026 to showcase the newest additions to their robot line marking solution. Visitors to stand RB200 will experience live demonstrations and get a first look at new technologies.

Introducing Base Station Pro

Turf Tank is proud to announce the release of the Base Station Pro at GroundsFest 2026. A permanent, fixed installation

designed to deliver high accuracy through a private connection signal. Base Station Pro extends signal coverage to 5 miles without requiring a clear line of sight.

A single Base Station Pro can support multiple robots at once. Multiple units can also operate together on the same network, extending coverage across large sites or facilities with complex layouts.

What Else to Expect at Groundsfest 2026:

Alongside the Base Station Pro,

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Curious to hear more about the

new Base Station Pro and see the robot in action? Visit the Turf Tank stand at GroundsFest 2026 for a live demonstration.

For those unable to attend, request a demo at your site by visiting www.turftank.com/en/ or contacting your local Turf Tank Representative:

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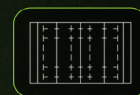
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Discover Tudor at GroundsFest 2026

Tudor Environmental is heading back to GroundsFest on 16th and 17th September, and for our fourth year, we're going bigger than ever.

You'll find us on Stand H15 at Stoneleigh Park, with plenty to see, great show offers and, most importantly, a team who actually know their stuff.

We'll be bringing a selection of professional grounds maintenance kit, from seasonal essentials and everyday tools to PPE and equipment. Of course, we couldn't bring everything. With over 7,500 products available online, we'd need a considerably bigger stand for that!

Many of the Tudor team have worked in grounds maintenance, arboriculture and greenkeeping, so when you ask us a question, there's a good chance you'll be talking to someone who has actually done the job. Whether you need advice, want to discover something new or just fancy talking shop, come and say hello.

We'll also be joined by Armorgard and MediArb, bringing even more specialist knowledge to the stand.

And because GroundsFest shouldn't be all work, we'll have exclusive show offers, Tudor goodies and complimentary drinks across both days. You can also test your

throwing skills on our coconut shy-style game, with some great prizes up for grabs, including STIHL footballs and the sought-after STIHL elk plush toy.

Behind the stand is everything Tudor offers year-round: thousands of products in stock, expert support and nationwide next-day delivery, helping professional grounds teams get what they need and get on with the job.

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See Mansfield Sand's Proven Sports Turf Solutions at GroundsFest



Visit Mansfield Sand on stand OSA260 at GroundsFest 2026, taking place on 16 and 17 September at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, and discover a comprehensive range of premium sand-based solutions designed for the sports turf industry.

With more than 180 years of expertise, Mansfield Sand has built a reputation as one of the UK's leading suppliers of high-quality silica sand products. Its solutions are trusted by elite sports stadiums, championship golf courses, professional training facilities and equestrian venues, delivering reliable performance where it matters most.

Throughout the event, the Mansfield Sand team will be available to discuss the company's specialist products and how they can help improve the construction, renovation and long-term performance of natural turf surfaces.

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Mansil Silica Sand Sports Range

Sourced from the company's Two Oaks Quarry in Mansfield, the Mansil range is widely used across golf courses, bowling greens, winter sports pitches and a variety of amenity sports surfaces.

Whether you're planning a new sports turf project or looking to improve existing playing surfaces, be sure to visit stand OSA260 and speak with the Mansfield Sand team at GroundsFest 2026.

For more information, visit www.mansfield-sand.co.uk, follow them on X at @MansfieldSand, or connect on Facebook and Instagram at Mansfield Sand Sport Surfaces.



See the UK Debut of the Turf-Tidy 5000 on the Redexim Stand

Visitors to GroundsFest 2026 will have the opportunity to be among the first in the UK to see the new Turf-Tidy 5000, as Redexim showcases its latest innovations on stand OSA230.

Making its UK debut following its launch earlier this year, the Turf-Tidy 5000 is the largest cut-and-collect machine in the Redexim range. Designed for large-scale turf maintenance, it combines flail mowing, scarifying, dethatching and debris collection in a single pass, helping contractors and grounds professionals maintain extensive areas quickly and efficiently while reducing downtime.

The Turf-Tidy 5000 joins the established Turf-Tidy 3000 and the compact Turf-Tidy 1100, giving visitors the chance to see the complete Turf-Tidy range together for the first time.

Whether maintaining sports facilities, parks, racecourses or large estates, there is now a Turf-Tidy solution suited to every scale of operation.

Alongside the new machine, Redexim will be showcasing a wide selection of equipment from across its professional turf maintenance portfolio.

Visitors can explore the renowned Verti-Drain® range, the aerators that have become synonymous with effective soil decompaction, as well as a selection of seeding equipment including the Multi-Seeder 1600, Speedseed 1500 and Overseeder 3D 1575 LV. The stand will also feature RINK top dressers, including the DS1600 EVO, designed to deliver accurate and consistent material application across sports turf and amenity surfaces.

Paul Langford, Director of

Commercial Operations at Redexim, said: "Bringing the Turf-Tidy 5000 to the UK at GroundsFest lets us showcase the complete Turf-Tidy range side by side for the first time. It's the machine our customers have been asking for - the capacity to tackle large-scale cut-and-collect work without constant emptying - and seeing it alongside the 3000 and 1100 demonstrates just how comprehensive the range has become."

Whether you're looking to improve aeration, overseeding, top dressing or cut-and-collect operations, a visit to the Redexim stand will provide the opportunity to see some of the industry's leading turf maintenance equipment up close and speak to the team about finding the right solution for your requirements.

For more information, visit:
www.redexim.com/uk/



Hunter Grinders Returns to GroundsFest with Jupiter ATI and Expanded Product Portfolio

Hunter Grinders will return to GroundsFest 2026 following a successful appearance at last year's exhibition, where the Jupiter ATI 'All in One' Grinder attracted significant interest from grounds professionals seeking greater precision, consistency and efficiency in their workshops.

Returning to this year's event, the Jupiter ATI will once again take centre stage, giving visitors the opportunity to see the machine up close and speak with the Hunter Grinders team about the benefits of precision grinding for professional cylinder mower maintenance.

Designed for busy workshops, the Jupiter ATI combines automated traverse, indexing and in-feed functions with precision engineering to minimise operator input while delivering accurate, repeatable grinding results. Smooth

linear bed rails with self-adjusting bearings enable grinding accuracy to within 0.05 mm (2 thou), while the machine accommodates cylinders up to 1067 mm (42"). Advanced spin and relief grinding capabilities, together with a solid cast bed construction and twin LED work lights, provide the precision and durability demanded by professional workshops.

Since GroundsFest 2025, Hunter Grinders has further expanded its range with the launch of the Amazon Bottom Blade Grinder. Although the Jupiter ATI will be the featured machine on the stand, visitors will also be able to discuss the Amazon with the Hunter Grinders team and learn how the two machines combine to provide a complete grinding solution for modern workshops.

Throughout the exhibition, Hunter Grinders' technical specialists will

be available to answer questions, discuss individual workshop requirements and explain how precision grinding contributes to improved cutting performance, longer component life and consistently high standards of mower maintenance.

Whether visitors are considering upgrading existing equipment or investing in a new workshop, GroundsFest provides the ideal opportunity to discover why professional turf maintenance teams continue to choose Hunter Grinders for precise, accurate and dependable grinding solutions.

Visit the Hunter Grinders team at GroundsFest 2026 to see the Jupiter ATI and discuss the latest developments in precision grinding technology, including the new Amazon Bottom Blade Grinder.

DSV - EuroGrass to showcase the latest innovations in premium turfgrass

Visitors to GroundsFest 2026 will have the opportunity to discover the latest developments from DSV - EuroGrass in Hall 1, Stand 29, where the team will be showcasing marketleading grass seed varieties and mixtures designed to deliver exceptional performance across the sports turf, amenity and golf sectors.

A key focus on the stand will be two exciting grass varieties, EUROGALA and FLANELL, both of which are exclusively available in EuroGrass mixtures. Attendees will be able to view samples, speak to the DSV team and find out why these varieties are generating so much interest throughout the industry.

FLANELL has already established itself as one of the UK's top-performing perennial ryegrass cultivars, ranking second in the prestigious S1 Sports Table in the BSPB Turfgrass Seed Booklet, sitting just behind another outstanding DSV variety, Euromagic. Exclusively available within the EuroGrass PRO Pitch mixture, FLANELL delivers exceptional sports turf performance, making it an exciting addition for grounds professionals seeking elite playing surfaces.

Alongside FLANELL, EUROGALA continues

to impress across both ornamental and sports turf applications. The variety became the first in Germany to achieve the highest possible rating of 9 out of 9 for ornamental turf in the country's official recommendation list and has also excelled in trials conducted by the German Football Association, demonstrating rapid, reliable germination, excellent winter establishment and fast ground cover. EUROGALA also holds one of the highest average scores in the STRI turf variety rankings, combining outstanding visual quality with excellent wear tolerance, an attractive mid-green colour and superb all-round performance, making it a highly recommended choice throughout Europe.

Golf course managers should also take the opportunity to learn more about EuroGrass PRO Links Fairway, a specialist fescue-only mixture developed specifically for links golf fairways and roughs. Designed for low-input maintenance regimes, the mixture delivers excellent drought tolerance while maintaining outstanding turf quality. It includes the newly listed

MENTOR hard fescue alongside carefully selected creeping red and Chewings fescue varieties, providing exceptional density,



resilience and year-round performance for fine turf environments.

The full EuroGrass range reflects DSV's ongoing commitment to breeding and developing high-quality turfgrass varieties that combine excellent establishment, wear tolerance, disease resistance and visual appeal. Whether maintaining elite sports pitches, golf courses, landscaped areas or public spaces, visitors will be able to explore mixtures tailored to a wide range of applications and discover how the latest breeding innovations can help deliver stronger, healthier and more sustainable turf.

Visit DSV - EuroGrass on Hall 1, Stand 29 to explore the latest varieties, speak with the experts and discover the next generation of high-performance turfgrass solutions.

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Dennis Mowers to Showcase Complete Turfcare Solutions at GroundsFest 2026

Dennis Mowers, part of the Howardson Group, will return to GroundsFest 2026 on Stand 50, Hall 1, showcasing professional turf maintenance equipment designed to meet the needs of grounds teams across every level of sport.

As one of Britain's leading manufacturers of professional turfcare machinery, Dennis combines more than a century of engineering expertise with a global reputation for delivering reliable, high-quality equipment. Trusted by everyone from local clubs and schools to international stadiums and championship venues, Dennis machines help maintain consistently high standards across golf, football, rugby, cricket, bowls, tennis and many other sports.

A key focus at this year's show will be the Dennis E-Series. Developed from the company's successful petrol range, the battery-powered machines deliver the same renowned quality of cut and dependable performance, while offering the additional advantages of modern lithium-ion technology.

Compared to petrol-powered equipment, the E-Series provides quieter operation, significantly lower hand-arm vibration, zero exhaust emissions during use and lower day-to-day running costs. Fast charging, familiar controls and proven machine platforms make the transition to battery power straightforward for professional grounds teams.

On display will be the ES-34SL lightweight finishing mower, ES-34R, ES-510 and ES-22 Ultra,

demonstrating the breadth of the Dennis electric range. Visitors can also see trusted petrol models including the G860 interchangeable cassette mower, FT610, Razor Ultra and S500 Plus, alongside dedicated FT and G860 cassette displays that showcase the versatility of Dennis' interchangeable cassette system.

Whether considering battery-powered technology for the first time or expanding an existing fleet, visitors can speak with the Dennis team about selecting the right equipment for their maintenance programmes and discover how British engineering continues to support the highest standards in professional turfcare.

Visit Dennis Mowers on Stand 50, Hall 1, at GroundsFest 2026.

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Also on display will be the innovative Evolution knapsack sprayer, featuring one of the industry's most comfortable and ergonomically advanced harness systems, reducing operator fatigue during extended use.

The Berthoud line-up offers equally impressive solutions. Visitors can also explore the ever-popular Vermorel 1800 and 2000 Pro knapsack sprayers, as well as the robust Berthoud 3000 Electric Sprayer, capable of delivering

up to 6.5 hours of operation from a single charge.

In addition to sprayers, our ongoing commitment to a wide selection of spare parts and accessories remains, ensuring that we continue to supply professional users with dependable equipment that can be maintained and kept in service for many years.

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Helping Turf Recover: SISIS Returns to GroundsFest 2026 with Practical Advice and Proven Solutions

Following one of the hottest and driest Julys on record, according to early provisional Met Office figures, grounds staff and greenkeepers across the UK have faced one of the most challenging growing seasons in recent memory. Prolonged dry weather and increasingly unpredictable conditions have placed greater emphasis than ever on maintaining healthy, resilient playing surfaces.

These challenges will provide the backdrop to SISIS' return to GroundsFest 2026, where visitors to Stand OSA170 can discover a comprehensive range of turf preparation and maintenance solutions, backed by decades of practical experience and technical knowledge.

For generations, SISIS has worked alongside professionals responsible for football, rugby, cricket, golf, bowls,

education and amenity turf. That experience has shown that successful turf management isn't simply about choosing the right machine, but selecting the right maintenance practice, carrying it out at the right time and ensuring equipment is correctly set up to achieve the best possible results.

The SISIS stand will feature tractor-mounted and pedestrian machinery, hand tools and specialist equipment covering every stage of turf preparation and maintenance, including scarification, aeration, overseeding, brushing, top dressing and surface preparation.

Darren McMahon, Head of Marketing at Howardson Group, said:

"This season has reminded everyone in the industry that there is no substitute for strong, healthy turf. The weather may be beyond our control, but how and when we prepare and

maintain playing surfaces isn't. Every venue is different, particularly after a season like this, and understanding when conditions are right to carry out maintenance often has just as much impact as the machinery itself. Those are exactly the conversations we'll be having with visitors throughout GroundsFest."

Built in Britain, SISIS machinery has earned a reputation for exceptional durability, dependable performance and long service life. Alongside its natural turf expertise, the company will also be showcasing the Syn-Pro range, supporting facilities responsible for synthetic sports surfaces with specialist maintenance equipment and practical advice.

Visit the SISIS team on Stand OSA170 at GroundsFest 2026 to discuss your maintenance challenges and discover dependable solutions for every stage of turf preparation and maintenance.



MONTY MIRACLE RETURNS TO GROUNDSFEST

Stand Numbers RB8 and L76

Monty Miracle is an easy-to-use outdoor cleaning range - a patented formulation which reduces time, costs & resources needed for landscaping, amenity management, turf care and outdoor cleaning tasks. The product has won a Which? Best Buy award - with a rare 100% score - and been named Good Housekeeping Institute's Best Overall patio cleaner 2026, accolades from two of the most respected independent product testing bodies. The team will be demonstrating the power of Monty Miracle's outdoor cleaning range on its stand, showing professionals just how quickly the product can remove stains from stone, wood, plastic, concrete and render. Made here in the UK, Monty Miracle works in just six minutes, completely neutralises following the cleaning process and is biodegradable so can be hosed off onto grass or soil leaving no trace, so the product is popular with gardeners and groundskeepers as well as homeowners.







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Practical Advice and Proven Solutions from ICL at GroundsFest 2026

ICL will return to GroundsFest 2026, providing practical advice and proven solutions for grounds managers, landscapers, contractors and turf professionals responsible for maintaining high-quality sports surfaces and amenity landscapes.

Visitors to the ICL stand will have the opportunity to discuss the latest developments in turf and landscape management with our technical and commercial teams, as well as explore a range of products designed to support consistent performance throughout the growing season.

A key focus this year will be the launch of the new H2Pro TriSmart Granules, extending the H2Pro TriSmart range with a granular wetting agent solution that supports effective moisture management and helps improve water distribution within the soil profile.

ICL will also be showcasing its Landscaper Pro fertiliser range, developed to provide reliable, professional nutrition for landscapes, lawns and amenity areas. Visitors can discuss programme recommendations and product selection for a wide range of landscape applications.

Weed management remains an important part of successful grounds maintenance, and the team will be available to discuss



integrated control strategies using Roundup ProVantage and Roundup ProActive for total weed control, alongside selective herbicides Praxys and Trophy XL for the control of broad-leaved weeds in managed turf.

Throughout the event, visitors will have the opportunity to speak directly with ICL's specialists about product selection, application timing and integrated turf management programmes, helping them develop practical approaches tailored to their needs.

Visit the ICL stand at GroundsFest 2026 to discover the latest innovations, discuss current turf and landscape challenges, and find practical solutions to support healthy, resilient surfaces throughout the year.

ProE-Glide gives effortless and accurate fertiliser application



The innovative ProE-Glide from Techneat Engineering provides an entirely new concept of stand-on precision fertiliser and granular application spreader, to improve productivity and accuracy for turf managers and professionals.

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Designed for sports turf, amenity grassland and landscape applications, the ProE-Glide delivers accurate, consistent spreading, while hugely improving operator comfort and productivity.

Adjustable calibration settings allow operators to accurately apply different granular products, including fertiliser, grass seed or de-icer salt. The fully adjustable spread width and spread bias help maintain even coverage, even in challenging conditions.

The design will also enable operators to fit a purpose-built demountable precision sprayer unit in place of the 80-litre spreader hopper. Its powerful electric motor and battery power pack is matched to provide high output through the working day and cover large areas, without noise or disruption to players or customers.



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MM Seed at the DLF Stand at GroundsFest

The DLF stand at GroundsFest will highlight a wide range of sustainable solutions from the world's largest grass seed breeder, featuring products from the MM, Designer Seed brands.

Alongside leading cultivars for sports and amenity turf, stand thirty will also display an array of colour with demonstration planters from the popular Pro Flora and Colour Boost wildflower ranges.

As autumn renovation programmes begin, DLF's 4turf@ tetraploid technology will be a key focus on the stand.

Key benefits of 4turf@:

- Larger, more vigorous seeds support rapid germination and establishment, even in cooler conditions.
- Improved resilience helps turf withstand cold, drought and salt stress.
- Strong disease resistance, backed by excellent European trial results against red thread, brown patch, fusarium and grey leaf spot.
- Enhanced sward quality makes it particularly effective for cooler-season overseeding.

Together, these benefits help deliver high-quality playing surfaces while reducing input and labour costs.

4turf@ is included in several popular autumn mixtures for sports turf, such as MM Tetrasport.

Another key focus will be wildflowers and their growing



importance in land and amenity turf management. They provide essential food and habitat for pollinators and wildlife. DLF's Pro Flora native-origin wildflower range includes 17 formulations, each designed to enhance colour, biodiversity and interest across a wide variety of environments.

For a striking display, visitors may consider mixtures from the Colour Boost collection, which combines both wildflower and garden flowering species that provide a bright display of colour that will also attract pollinators and insects.

The DLF technical team will be available throughout the two-day event on Stand 30 in Hall1 to offer technical advice and answer questions.

Visit the new and improved MM Seed website at www.mm-seeds.co.uk

You can also follow the company on X: @MM_Seed.

Penny UK to Showcase Complete Irrigation Solutions at GroundsFest 2026

Visitors to the Landscape Zone at GroundsFest 2026 will have the opportunity to discover Penny UK's comprehensive irrigation offering, with the company exhibiting on Stand L155.

Well established within the fruit growing and horticultural sectors, Penny UK is now expanding its presence in the landscaping market, bringing its expertise and extensive product portfolio to landscape professionals, contractors and nursery operators.

At GroundsFest, the team will be showcasing a wide range of irrigation solutions, including dripline systems, sprinklers, drippers, controllers, valves and fittings, demonstrating how they can help deliver efficient, reliable and water-conscious irrigation for landscape projects of all sizes. As a one-stop shop for irrigation equipment, Penny UK supplies products from leading global manufacturers including Rainbird, Rivulis, Tricoflex, Bermad, Hunter, Yamit, Senmatic and many more, ensuring customers have access to trusted, high-quality solutions.

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GroundsFest visitors are encouraged to stop by Stand L155 in the Landscape Zone to learn more about Penny

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Powering the Future: Training for a Changing Grounds Sector

As the landscape and grounds maintenance sector continues to evolve, so too do the skills needed to work safely, efficiently and sustainably. From local authorities and contractors to parks teams and estate managers, organisations across the UK are balancing productivity with environmental responsibility while adapting to advances in equipment technology.

For 60 years, Lantra has supported the UK's land-based and environment industries with the training and skills development needed to meet changing industry demands. Today, that commitment remains as important as ever.

One of the most significant shifts in recent years has been the growing adoption of battery-powered equipment. Driven by sustainability targets, emission reduction goals and advances in battery technology, many organisations are integrating

battery-powered tools alongside traditional liquid-fuel-powered machinery. While these innovations bring clear benefits, they also require updated training that reflects modern working practices.

In response, Lantra has launched its new Landscape Tools training suite, offering flexible certification pathways for liquid-fuel-powered tools, battery-powered tools, or both. Designed to reflect the realities of today's workforce, the suite enables employers to train staff on the equipment they use now while preparing for future developments in the sector.

The training focuses on more than competence and safety. By helping operators understand the specific risks, maintenance requirements and safe operating procedures associated with different power sources, it supports greater confidence, efficiency and resilience across teams. For employers, the benefits extend

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As the industry continues to evolve, Lantra remains committed to ensuring the workforce evolves with it. The Landscape Tools training suite is just one example of our broader approach to supporting the land-based and environment sector through high-quality training, recognised qualifications and practical workforce development solutions. By listening to industry needs, embracing innovation and anticipating future challenges, we continue to help businesses build the skills and confidence needed to thrive. It is this forward-thinking, supportive approach that has defined Lantra for six decades and will continue to help shape a safer, stronger and more sustainable future for the sector.



60 years of land-based skills

Since 1966, Lantra has been supporting the people behind the UK's land-based and environment industries. Our new Landscape Tools training suite offers flexible certification pathways for liquid-fuel-powered tools, battery-powered tools, or both, supporting businesses as they embrace new technologies, sustainability goals and evolving industry demands.

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Keeping Synthetic Sports Surfaces Match Ready

As the sports turf industry comes together for GroundsFest and SALTEX, the focus for many grounds teams, contractors and facility managers will be on practical solutions that help surfaces perform consistently throughout the year.

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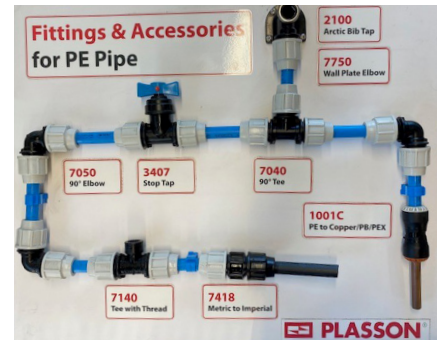
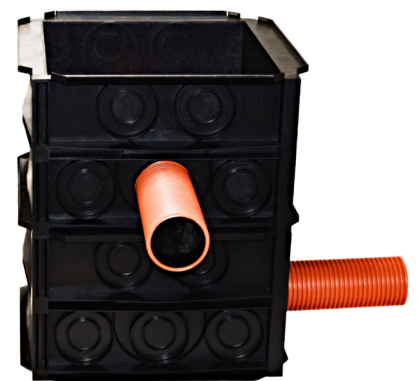
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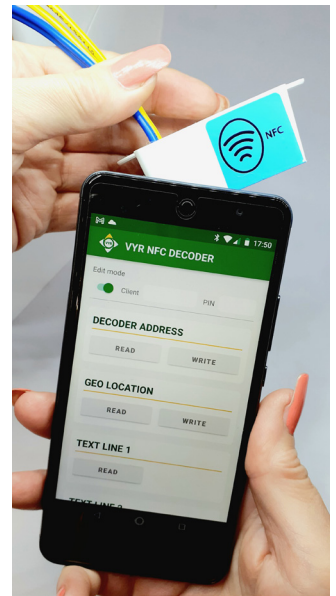
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Clubs bowled over by Terrain Aeration

At the end of September, when bowling clubs are thinking about carrying out end of season maintenance, aeration is a concept that is thought about but rarely addressed. Scarifying, re-seeding, and top dressing are on the front line of the main budget planning. Forgotten are the days when games had to stop play because the ground was waterlogged. A nuisance at the time, but now is the time to bring this problem up at a committee meeting and address it.

The Terrain Aeration Scamper Terralift machine was designed 20 years ago to be able to access most bowling greens. The Scamper Terralift machine hammers a hollow probe (1 1/2" (37mm width) one metre into the soil before releasing a controlled blast of compressed air, to a maximum of 20Bar/280 psi. This pressure is monitored or changed by the operator, so there is a slight movement of the top surface before the turf settles back down. Then, the operator knows that he has aerated the ground from one metre to the top surface. On the tail end of the release of compressed air, dried seaweed is incorporated which sticks to the walls of the fractures and fissures created by the main air blast.

Over a period, the seaweed expands and contracts with the moisture content of the soil, swelling and contracting - similar to breathing underground, helping to keep the fissures open longer. The machine uses 2m centre spacings on a staggered grid pattern, each shot interconnecting with the previous ones, ensuring the whole area is aerated and decompacted. The probe holes are backfilled with an aggregate, with the top 1"-2" backfilled with normal top dressing material. Once this deep aeration treatment has taken place, it would not be required for at least another 10-12 years, so it is extremely cost-effective. Deep aeration treatment of a green takes around 5 to 6 hours. The engine/compressor unit is kept off the green with an umbilical air hose to supply the compressed air, thus reducing weight on the green as well as having to start and stop the machine every two metres.

It is preferable that the greenkeeper slits or hollow tines before the Terrain Aeration treatment, to relieve the surface tension so the air can gently blow through those top holes. The treatment can take place before top dressing and re-seed. but if ground conditions at that time deem the green too wet, then the end of season maintenance can continue and later, the Scamper Terralift can come in and

aerate the green. There is enough time to fit this in before March of the following year. Terrain Aeration has at times even treated a bowling green mid-season - one had a black squidge where the bowler's back foot was placed. If the treatment hadn't taken place, that green would have played itself out until the end of the season. It would not have been repaired/replaced. That green survived and is going strong many years later. One club commented that after Terrain aerated their green on one of their matches, rain stopped play. **They found that they could only have one pint from the bar before the green had drained away of water and play could continue.**

A final point. Clubs considering laying in drains will have disruption to their green, but still have compaction panning in between the drain runs. With a track record of treating greens for over thirty years, it's certainly worth Terrain Aeration taking a look before committing to the expense of laying drains.

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Attraxor helps Airdrie Golf Club deliver stronger, smoother greens

At Airdrie Golf Club, Course Manager Jordan Cameron has taken a clear, back-to-basics approach to turf management, and with the support of Agrovista Amenity and growth regulator Attraxor®, the results are speaking for themselves.

Jordan joined the club, which celebrates its 150th anniversary next year, nearly three years ago after a varied career in greenkeeping that began when he left school.

The opportunity to take on the course manager role at Airdrie was one he couldn't ignore.

"I could see the opportunity to implement my own ideas and take things to the next level," he says. "Everything we said from day one that we were going to do, we've managed to achieve so far. It's not

just the greens; we've improved all aspects of the course."

One of Jordan's key objectives from the outset was to reduce disease pressure through solid agronomic fundamentals.

"The main goal when I came in was to go as disease-free as we possibly could," he explains. "We achieved that in the first year. It's really just about going back to basics - keeping the plant dry, keeping the surface open, and doing the simple things well."

With a team of four maintaining the parkland course, those fundamentals include regular aeration at varying depths, scarifying, slitting, and winter use of a sarel roller to keep surfaces open and healthy.

"I always say there isn't just one thing that makes the difference,"

Jordan adds. "It's everything working together."

Alongside those mechanical practices, Attraxor has become a central part of the greens management programme. Originally introduced to help reduce *Poa annua* seedheads, the plant growth regulator quickly proved its value across the growing season.

"In my other roles I have used it briefly, but I really started using it properly here," says Jordan. "It was mainly the *Poa* seedheads that we were targeting. I trialled it and it worked wonders."

Attraxor contains the active ingredient prohexadione, which regulates turf growth by inhibiting the gibberellic acid pathway, reducing vertical growth and biomass while maintaining turf colour and quality. It also

encourages root development, helping create stronger and more resilient playing surfaces.

For Jordan, the most noticeable improvement has been the consistency and density of the greens.

"The density of the turf is unbelievable," he says. "It's almost like a carpet. It's thicker, tighter and sits a lot straighter without that lateral growth. It just creates a much nicer playing surface."

Jordan has even experimented with winter applications of Attraxor - a decision that has delivered positive results on Airdrie's free-draining, sand-based greens.

"We took a bit of a risk the first year trying it through the winter, but we noticed the ball roll was so much smoother," he explains. "Coming into the season the

surfaces were already in a much better position."

Another key factor behind the programme's success has been the support from Agrovista Amenity's Technical Sales Manager Stewart Carbray. The relationship has developed to the point where the club now operates a full course programme with Agrovista as its sole supplier.

"We've got a full programme with them now for greens, tees and everything else - granular fertilisers, wetting agents, fungicides, the lot," says Jordan. "Using Agrovista as a sole supplier just makes sense for us."

More importantly, Jordan values the advice and honesty he receives from the team.

"Stewart is fantastic, he's a huge help. Because he's been a greenkeeper previously, he

understands what you're going through. It's not just a sales relationship."

He adds: "Stewart isn't going to sell you something just for the sake of it. If he doesn't think you need a product, he'll say so. That level of trust is massive."

With a growing portfolio of products and continued technical support, Agrovista Amenity is helping Jordan ensure that Airdrie's historic course continues to move forward.

"As a course manager you need products that perform and people you can trust," he says. "With Agrovista Amenity, we've got both."

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Altonwood Group Invests for the Long Term

With five courses across Surrey and Kent, including three of the top four most played courses by England Golf iGolfers, Altonwood group is known for high quality courses and exceptional customer experience. To maintain those standards, the group has recently undertaken a program of improvements at its original course, Westerham Golf Club, with significant upgrades in play over the past 4 years.

"We've been through a huge program of course improvements including significant tree clearance and improving paths and tees, but the one thing that kept coming up on member and visitor feedback was the bunkers" commented Simon Hodsdon, M.D. Altonwood Group. "

"The shapes of the old bunkers were very simple and had become un-defined. With the help of

course architect Alan Walker, we decided to rationalise the number of bunkers, make each of them larger and more visually interesting and provide the golfing challenge a good hazard should be."

Andy Royall, Group Course Manager added, "From a maintenance perspective it was a constant battle with weeds, stones and contamination of the sand. We spent such a disproportionate

amount of time on them, and they didn't really add to the golfing experience, so it was clear that we needed to find a practical solution that would lock in the improvements we wanted to make."

Faced with a full reconstruction, and the introduction of larger, more elaborate shapes, Simon and Andy set about researching options that would not only deliver the golfing experience they required, but would offer benefits throughout the course.

"We knew that turf didn't work for the long term, so we researched options that would look great and required the least possible amount of maintenance," continued Simon. "After speaking with several courses, EcoBunker was the stand out option. Their synthetic edging was widely recommended, but what surprised us was that we ended up using their EcoTec™ liner too, as it wasn't initially on our radar."

Andy continued, "We really did our homework on liners but every

option had drawbacks. When Richard showed us a sample of the EcoTec™ liner it took us 10 minutes to see that it would be forgiving if a club ever made contact, it would hold sand well and if a ball impacted it directly, it wouldn't bounce straight off. From there it was a simple decision to create fully sealed bunkers using EcoBunker liner and edging."

With 12 bunkers scheduled for phase one of the works, EcoBunker conducted training over two days, before the team at Westerham took on the rest of the project.

"Laying and sealing the liners has been so simple, and the team took to constructing the synthetic edges straight away. For a technical job that will last for many years, the process has been far more simple than we ever imagined," said Andy. "And now we've finished phase one, not only do the new bunkers look really good, from the maintenance side of things the drainage has improved, there's virtually no contamination and the amount of raking has been dramatically reduced. We're saving time and

budget and freeing up resources enabling us to focus on other parts of the course."

Phase two at Westerham is set for Autumn 26, but the improvements for Altonwood properties do not end there. With plans across the group to upgrade facilities and drive improved customer experience, EcoBunker is set to feature more in the future.

"The only feedback I get on the bunkers now is asking how fast can we do the rest!" concluded Simon. "So much so, that once we're finished here, we will move straight on to Woldingham. As a group, we invest in the most cost-effective, high quality solutions, and in EcoBunker we've locked in great looking, low maintenance bunkers for many years to come."

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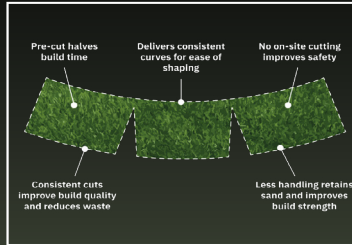
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Technology is helping golf courses reduce emissions, lower noise, and give greenkeeping teams more time to focus on course quality and player experience.

The 2026 Portugal Invitational will bring together some of golf's most respected names and provide a glimpse into the future of how great courses will be maintained. Kress has been named an Official Partner of the tournament, the first PGA Tour Champions event in Europe, taking place at The Els Club Vilamoura in the Algarve from July 27 to August 2, 2026.

As part of the partnership, Kress autonomous mowing technology will be deployed at selected golf courses across Portugal, supporting a new approach to course maintenance that combines sustainability, operational efficiency, and exceptional playing conditions.

Trusted by some of the world's most prestigious golf courses, Kress is helping define a new standard for course maintenance,

combining autonomous operation with the consistency and precision demanded by elite venues.

As golf facilities across Europe pursue ambitious sustainability goals, many are looking for practical ways to reduce their environmental footprint without compromising course standards. By replacing diesel-powered mowing equipment with autonomous electric technology, golf courses can significantly reduce emissions, lower noise levels, and preserve the peaceful environment that defines the golfing experience.

"Great courses are maintained by people. Technology simply gives them more time to focus on what matters most," said Dario Alonso, CEO Kress South Europe. "The Portugal Invitational is the perfect stage to demonstrate that autonomy, sustainability, and exceptional course conditions can coexist."

"We are proud to welcome Kress as an Official Partner of the Portugal Invitational," said Todd Rhinehart, Tournament Director.

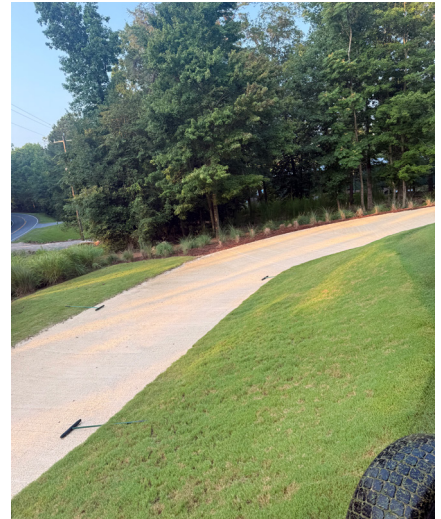
"Their commitment to innovation and sustainability reflects our ambition to showcase not only world-class golf but also the future of the game and the facilities that support it."

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New ZLine bunkers help Tillery go private

Tillery Tradition CC in North Carolina became a private club at the start of this year. And its new bunkers, lined with the ZLine system, are helping super Corey Hraczo deliver conditions to match



MOUNT GILEAD, NORTH CAROLINA, AUGUST 13, 2026 - The Tillery Tradition course in the Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina was bought by a group of local business owners in 2021. From the start, the ultimate aim of the new owners was for the course to become a private club, which it did at the start of 2026. And the course's bunkers, which have been rebuilt using the ZLine system, were a key part of that.

"The course opened in 2000, and was built by local asphalt company JTR Russell and Sons," says course superintendent Corey Hraczo. "We're in the Uwharrie Mountain Rand, and the soils are clay and rock, so not ideal for golf. When I came here

in 2021, one of our biggest hurdles was the bunkers. They were not constructed in a way that made them easy or efficient to maintain - no liner and minimal drainage. Every time it rained, they washed out, and rocks would come up through the sand. It was a mess.

"I started trying to come up with a cost-effective plan to rebuild our bunkers. We only have eighteen, but they are massive, just huge. We wanted to do them in-house, which meant we could proceed at our own pace, control costs, and maintain our quality standards throughout the project."

Hraczo's desire to build the bunkers in-house led him to select the ZLine

liner system. "My maintenance crew built bunkers for the first two winters, and this last winter, Rex Davis of R&A Turf came in and rebuilt one - he's returning in August to do three more."

Tillery is still a way from having entirely new bunkers, but Hraczo says those that have been rebuilt already show the wisdom of the decision. "The new bunkers drain so much better, can be put back into play after rain in a fraction of the time, and we aren't getting anything like as much contamination," he says. "I'm really happy with the ZLine product, especially its ease of installation, and I'm very glad we chose it.



Farleigh Golf Club Employs EcoBunker Expertise

Faced with bunker liners reaching the end of their lifecycle and difficulties with sand blow out and wash down, Farleigh golf club have invested in a technical solution following consultation with bunker specialists EcoBunker.

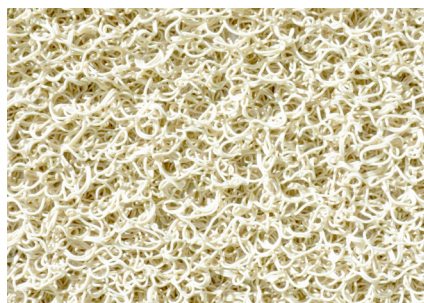
With 27 holes across three loops of nine, Farleigh decided on a full replacement of all 17 greenside bunkers on the Yellow loop. With specific maintenance challenges in mind, EcoBunker visited the site to advise on the most appropriate solution for the course.

"We had issues with sand blow out and wash down, stones had started to come through the old liner, and clubs were getting damaged when they made impact," said course manager Will Christie. "I looked at the experience of various local courses and it was clear the EcoBunker had the products and expertise that could work for us."

"As soon as Richard (Allen, CEO of EcoBunker) came out, you could see how the EcoTec™ liner held the

sand on our steep sided bunkers and how the noodle texture would be forgiving if clubs ever made impact. We discussed sand options and settled on a switch to China Clay as it would interact and lock into the EcoTec™ in a way that works really well for our conditions. Richard offered a wealth of knowledge and we're delighted with the results."

"Will and his team were superb to work with," commented Richard Allen, CEO of EcoBunker. "When a client has a technical challenge in mind we love working with them to find the right solution for their particular circumstances. We know our products are among the best in



the business, but when our partners trust our expertise, it can deliver results that go beyond simple product solutions."

"Since the installation we've had several very heavy downpours and the liners have performed brilliantly," continued Will. "Where we would previously have to head out on course with our shovels after 20mm of rain, we can now focus on other areas of the course without having to worry about the impact of the weather on the bunkers."

"The 17 bunker installation only took 2 weeks, so there was minimal impact on the membership. We now get so much great feedback on the consistency and playability of the bunkers on the yellow 9, we can't wait to get on to our other two loops of 9 over the next two winters."

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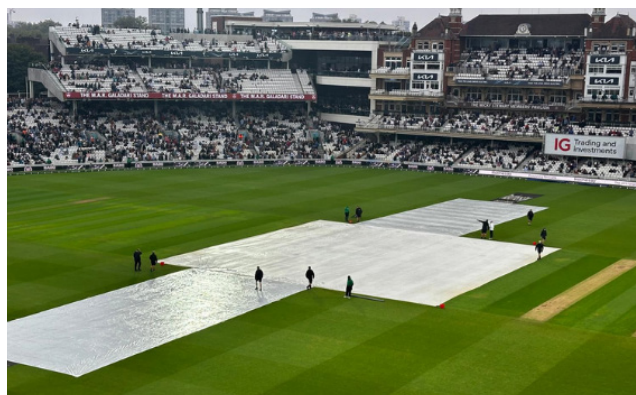
While our product range is extensive, our ability to provide bespoke solutions is equally important. Every sports facility presents different challenges, whether that is unusual dimensions, restricted access, specific branding requirements or the need to protect a particular playing or training area. Our team can design and manufacture equipment around the individual requirements of the venue.

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The People We Fully Expect to Meet at GroundsFest

Every trade show has its types. GroundsFest just happens to have some particularly good ones. Here are five people we fully expect to meet somewhere between the first coffee and the final pint.

The Wheeler-Dealer

He asks the price.

We tell him.

He laughs.

Not because it is funny. Because negotiations have begun.

"Come on. What's the real price?"

Then he wants the show price. The serious-buyer price. The price if he takes two.

He does not need two.

At some point, a completely unrelated machine he owns will be offered as part exchange.

Eventually:

"I'll think about it."

He will be back 17 minutes later.

The Volunteer

He looks after six pitches, three teams, the clubhouse keys and somehow the defibrillator.

His contracted working week is zero hours.

His actual working week is classified information, particularly at home.

He does not care about GNSS, APIs or software updates.

He has one question.

"Will it save me time?"

It is probably the best question of the day.

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"He looks after six pitches, three teams, the clubhouse keys and somehow the defibrillator."

The CEO's Nephew

He joined the company in March.

His title contains "strategy", "innovation" or possibly both.

He is 22, pleasant and believes the

industry should be doing more with AI.

By lunchtime he will have photographed the robot, asked whether it has an API and suggested a partnership.

He will then offer to introduce us to the CEO.

The CEO is standing behind him.

The Retired Engineer

Retired is perhaps the wrong word.

He has simply stopped receiving a salary for examining how things are built.

He will walk around the robot twice.

Say nothing.

Crouch down.

Look underneath it.

Then ask:

"Why have you done it like that?"

At this point, marketing should withdraw and locate an engineer.

The Expert

Earlier, he was a grounds manager from Worcestershire.

After two pints, his remit expands considerably.

He will explain what the FA should do, what manufacturers get wrong, why councils waste money and how professional football clubs could save millions.

There will definitely be a story beginning, "We tried that in '98..."

And the irritating thing is, somewhere between the third opinion and fourth story, he will probably say something brilliant.

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TenCate's Pure PT™ system, offered in the UK through the TigerTurf portfolio, is the first non-infill artificial turf to achieve FIFA certification as part of the FIFA Quality Programme for Football Turf, the global benchmark for football surface performance.

A recent announcement made by FIFA confirmed that any surface system meeting the requirements of the FIFA Quality Programme is eligible for certification, regardless of construction method. Previously, FIFA certification was only available for systems designed around

traditional performance infill.

Pure PT™ has subsequently been judged by the FIFA Basic assessment to meet FIFA Quality product approval and field certification. The certification enables Pure PT™ football pitches to be used up to step three of the FA National League System in the UK.

Charlie Haynes, Managing Director, TenCate UK, said: "Becoming the first non-infill artificial turf football pitch to gain FIFA certification is a significant milestone and one that endorses the quality, performance, and

durability of TenCate's Pure PT™ product.

"This certification demonstrates our continued commitment to developing surfaces that meet recognised international standards and signals the start of a new era in artificial football pitches. Pure PT™ is designed to support consistent play, long-term reliability and high-quality football experiences at every level of the game."

Already installed at some of the most successful clubs in world football, including at the training grounds of Arsenal FC,

Manchester City FC, Olympique Marseille, Real Valladolid, and PSV, Pure PT™ has demonstrated it is trusted at the elite level. The surface is also installed at the Ergilio Hato Stadium in Curaçao, where the Caribbeans became the smallest nation to reach a FIFA World Cup.

Pure PT™ enables predictable lifecycle planning through reduced maintenance requirements, fewer replacement cycles, and lower material dependency. The simplified maintenance and consistent surface behaviour is optimal for high-use, multi-sport

environments, such as schools and community leisure facilities.

Beyond on-field performance, the system is engineered to address key environmental challenges by eliminating infill-related microplastic release, lowering transport and maintenance emissions, and simplifying end-of-life recycling. The absence of infill also reduces the cost of ownership across installation, operation and end-of-life stages.

Years of research and development at the Center for Turf Innovation included over 500,000 Lisport cycles, more than 50 development cycles,

and benchmarking against 145 stadium-quality natural grass pitches, with player testing and feedback shaping every decision.

The unique fibre technology ensures a soft yet stable surface, optimising ball roll, grip, and player movement. With its high-density fibres and advanced yarn composition, TenCate's Pure PT™ guarantees long-lasting durability while requiring minimal maintenance. This makes it a cost-effective and environmentally responsible choice for football clubs and sports facilities.





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Cleaner Machines, Greener Grounds: BIO-CIRCLE Brings Sustainable Cleaning to UK Groundcare

BIO-CIRCLE Surface Technology Ltd, has brought its water-based, biodegradable cleaning chemistry to the groundcare sector, already trusted by the likes of Reesink UK, John Deere, Toro, Turf Tank and BIGGA. The premise is simple: swap out the hazardous solvents traditionally used to clean turf & grounds machinery for products that are just as powerful but far kinder to operators, equipment and the environment - with water



consumption significantly reduced, and waste-chains eliminated.

At the centre of the range is Power Cleaner 200, a concentrated foam cleaner built for spray tanks and equipment. It strips iron, turf pigment, fertiliser staining, pesticide and herbicide residue, algae, biofilm and scale from tanks, nozzles, decks and chassis, without the harsh VOCs of solvent-based alternatives. It's solvent-free, highly concentrated, dilutable, and simple to apply: spray and foam, dwell, pressure-wash, repeat as needed, then check the rinse water with a pH strip.

For general wash-down, Nature Boost ECO 100 offers a plant-based, VOC-free, pH-neutral solution designed to hygienically clean mowers, blades and transport between sites, a small but meaningful step in breaking the chain of turf disease transmission between greens.

Rounding out the line-up are E-NOX Shine for streak-free glass and bodywork, CB 100, a heavy-duty degreaser endorsed by Turf Tank for robot maintenance, and OMNI 200, a multi-surface cleaner for tractors, trailers and plastic components.

With 40 years' experience in sustainable surface technology and a presence in over 65 countries, BIO-CIRCLE positions this as more than a product range, it's an invitation for grounds teams to rethink fleet cleaning entirely, season after season. Contact sales@bio-circle.co.uk to book a site survey.



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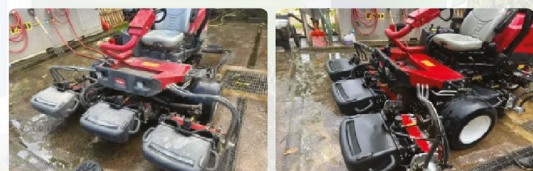
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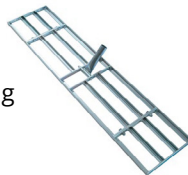
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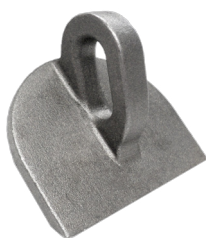
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When Experience Decides: Why CBRE Chose AS-Motor Once Again

6,000 sites, highly diverse working environments and some of the most demanding vegetation management conditions imaginable. When CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate services and investment company, renewed its groundcare fleet across the UK, it left the decision to the people who use the machines every day. The outcome was clear: CBRE's groundcare teams chose AS-Motor. Their decision was based on years of positive experience in daily operation, combined with the machines' proven performance and reliability in the toughest working conditions.

With around 140,000 employees worldwide and revenue of approximately USD 35.8 billion in 2025, CBRE is one of the world's leading real estate

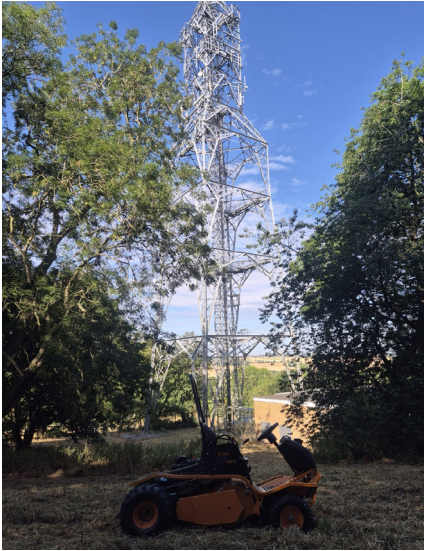
services companies. In the UK, the company manages around 6,000 commercial, industrial, technical and public sites. Its services include technical building maintenance and a wide range of property and facilities management services, including the maintenance of outdoor areas and green spaces.

When the time came to renew the groundcare fleet, CBRE deliberately chose to let the people who work with the machines every day make the decision, rather than management or procurement. "We asked the people who use the equipment every day to identify the best machines for the job. Our teams were instructed to assess the equipment solely on its suitability for the work they carry out every day. The outcome was unanimous. Time and again,

our teams have chosen AS-Motor because of its proven capability, reliability and performance in demanding environments," explains Paul Clark, National Grounds and Maintenance Manager, CBRE.

High Grass and Dense Vegetation Instead of Traditional Lawn Care

Many of the green spaces maintained by CBRE have little in common with traditional parks or amenity grass areas. Typical sites include telecommunications facilities, industrial premises and other technical locations. As these areas are generally cut only once a year, CBRE's groundcare teams regularly face high grass, dense vegetation, brambles and the early stages of scrub encroachment. Conditions also vary considerably from site to site, ranging from steep banks and difficult terrain to large open



areas. As a result, both operators and machines are subjected to demanding working conditions.

“Much of the work we undertake isn’t routine amenity grass cutting. We are often working on sites that haven’t been cut for many months. We need machinery that can cope with those conditions day after day while giving our operators the confidence to work safely and efficiently,” says Clark.

It is no coincidence that the teams once again selected AS-Motor. Machines from the southern German manufacturer have been part of CBRE’s fleet for many years, with some units still performing reliably after eight or nine years of service. This long-term positive experience played a key role in the latest fleet renewal.

Specialist Machines for Every Application

The new fleet has been tailored to meet the wide variety of applications encountered by CBRE’s groundcare teams. It includes the AS 940 Sherpa XL and AS 1040 YAK XL ride-on high grass mowers, complemented by pedestrian high grass mowers, flail mowers, mulching mowers and several AS 30 WeedHex brush weeders for mechanical weed

control on hard surfaces.

For the first time, CBRE has also introduced the Ovis Evo 1000 RC remote-controlled flail mower. The company expects the machine to deliver significant improvements in both operator safety and productivity, particularly when working on steep slopes and difficult terrain.

“Introducing remote-controlled mowing is a significant step forward for us. This is the first time we’ve incorporated remote-control machines into our fleet, and we’re excited by the improvements they’ll bring in both operator safety and productivity when working on steep slopes and difficult terrain,” says Clark. “The comprehensive machine handover and operator training provided by AriensCo has given our teams the confidence to adopt this new technology safely and effectively from day one.”

Strong Partnerships Drive Success

A project of this scale can only succeed through close collaboration. Alongside selecting the machines, delivery, commissioning and operator training were all essential parts of the rollout. CBRE was supported

throughout the project by AS-Motor dealer LawnCare Garden Machinery and AriensCo UK.

“We are delighted to support CBRE not only with the supply of their new AS-Motor fleet but also with the long-term service and aftersales support that will keep the machines performing at their best for years to come. This has been a real team effort involving many people across the UK,” says Barbara Green, LawnCare Garden Machinery.

Sam Lewis, General Manager of AriensCo UK, also sees the decision as a strong endorsement of AS-Motor: “What makes this project particularly rewarding is that the decision was made by the people who use the machines every day. The fact that they evaluated the equipment purely on its capability and once again selected AS-Motor demonstrates the confidence they have in our products under some of the most demanding working conditions.”

With its new groundcare fleet, CBRE is well equipped to continue maintaining around 6,000 sites across the UK safely, efficiently and to the highest professional standards.





Specialist Solutions Take Centre Stage for Campey at GroundsFest

Campey Turf Care Systems will return to GroundsFest this September on Stand 35, showcasing a carefully selected line-up of machinery tailored to the turf maintenance needs of landscapers, local authorities and contractors.

As maintenance programmes become more targeted and closely monitored, with grounds professionals increasingly accountable, Campey is focused on providing specialist equipment that enables individual operations

to be carried out with maximum precision and efficiency.

Leading the display is the Rotadairon Stone Burier, a new addition to the Campey portfolio. Designed to produce a high-quality seedbed in a single pass, the machine buries stones, vegetation and surface debris beneath the cultivated layer while leaving fine soil on the surface ready for seeding or turf establishment. By combining cultivation, levelling and consolidation into one operation, it offers contractors

and turf professionals an efficient solution for sports turf construction, renovation and landscaping projects.

The remainder of the stand continues the specialist theme. The Vredo Turf Buddy and Vredo Turf Fix demonstrate different approaches to overseeding and turf repair, helping grounds professionals improve establishment while minimising disruption to play. For operations where accuracy and timing are critical, the Campey Pedestrian Aeraseeder combines aeration



and seeding in a single pass, while the Campey Electric Sarel Roller offers a lightweight, battery-powered approach to surface aeration, reflecting the growing demand for quieter, lower-emission maintenance equipment.

Individually, each machine has a clearly defined purpose. Collectively, they illustrate how

turf maintenance is evolving. As expectations of playing surfaces continue to increase, success is often achieved not through one machine that does everything, but through specialist equipment designed to perform individual tasks exceptionally well. Whether establishing new surfaces, encouraging recovery or carrying out routine maintenance, these

machines are built to complement existing equipment fleets and provide grounds teams with greater flexibility throughout the year.

Visitors to the Campey stand will be able to see each machine up close and discuss their applications with the company's team, discovering how specialist equipment can make a significant difference to the quality and efficiency of modern turf management.

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Automated Robotic Technology at the Heart of The Belfry Preparations for 2026 Husqvarna British Masters

Seven Husqvarna CEORA® robotic mowers are helping prepare The Brabazon ahead of the championship, before an expanded fleet of 15 CEORA units provide overnight support during tournament week.

Husqvarna technology is playing a crucial role in preparing The Belfry's iconic Brabazon Course for the 2026 Husqvarna British Masters hosted by Sir Nick Faldo, as the venue builds towards the arrival of the DP World Tour's leading players from 26-30 August.

In the build-up to the championship, seven Husqvarna CEORA robotic mowers are maintaining the fairways of the four-time Ryder Cup venue, working consistently across the course to help produce the exacting standards required for elite tournament golf.

During the tournament week, Husqvarna will expand its operation considerably. A fleet of 15 CEORA robotic mowers will cut the championship fairways overnight, supported by a dedicated Husqvarna team working from 8pm until 6am. The team will transport the mowers to their designated fairways, oversee the overnight operation and collect the machines at the end of each shift.

Husqvarna CEORA, Automower® 580L and RELOX technology will also be deployed on the driving range, while a Husqvarna 535 AWD EPOS is maintaining the short game area to ensure the rough is always at optimal height for practice. Every machine used during the championship will be cleaned and calibrated daily, with blades changed each day to maintain consistent cutting performance throughout

the event. The Belfry's greenkeeping team is also using a comprehensive fleet of Husqvarna battery-powered handheld equipment, including leaf blowers, grass trimmers and hedge trimmers throughout its preparations. The brand-new Husqvarna 570iBT battery backpack blower will play an important role with 10 units being used to clear tees, bunkers and general course detailing.

The installation brings together autonomous mowing and professional battery technology as part of a modern, integrated approach to golf course maintenance. While robotic mowers deliver frequent and consistent cutting across large areas of turf, the handheld equipment supports the detailed work undertaken by the greenkeeping team around course furniture, including trees, bunkers

and other areas that require a more precise finish.

The deployment also reduces reliance on conventional fossil fuel-powered equipment and provides the team access to quieter machinery with no direct exhaust emissions during use. This can help work to continue around golfers and other course operations with less disruption.

For Husqvarna, the installation provides a powerful demonstration of the company's technology in action at the tournament for which it is Title Partner. Rather than being limited to branding around the event, Husqvarna products are directly supporting both the advance preparation of the course and its presentation throughout championship week. The dedicated overnight operation will put Husqvarna technology and technical expertise at the heart of maintaining the surfaces on which the tournament will be decided.

Andrew Lees, Global Segment Manager for Professional Robotics at Husqvarna, said: "The Husqvarna British Masters gives us an outstanding platform, but the most important story is what our technology is delivering on the ground. Our products are not simply being displayed at The Belfry, they are working every day alongside an exceptional greenkeeping team to help prepare one of the world's most

famous tournament courses.

"Following the success of our operation at Royal Porthcawl during the 2025 AIG Women's Open, we are proud to bring the same level of tournament support to a very different venue. Every machine will be cleaned and calibrated and its blades changed daily, helping The Belfry present The Brabazon to a global audience at the first Husqvarna British Masters."

Designed for large-scale professional turf management, CEORA uses satellite-based EPOS navigation to operate systematically within virtual boundaries. This produces accuracy to just 1cm, meaning fairways perimeters are delivered with high definition and confidence that the integrity of the fairway shape is maintained. CEORA's autonomous operation allows mowing schedules and designated work areas to be managed digitally, giving course teams the flexibility to adapt cutting programmes around weather, playing schedules and operational requirements.

In the build-up to the event, the seven CEORA units at The Belfry regularly maintain the fairways without the need for a driver, supporting consistent turf presentation while freeing members of the greenkeeping team to concentrate on agronomic and detail-focused tasks elsewhere on the course. During the championship

itself, fairway mowing will become a managed overnight tournament-support operation. Fifteen CEORA units will be transported to and from the fairways and overseen by Husqvarna personnel, allowing the fairways to be maintained outside playing hours while giving the tournament team daily oversight of machine condition and performance.

Husqvarna became Title Partner of the British Masters through a multi-year agreement announced earlier this year. The company is also the Official Robotic Mowing Partner of the DP World Tour, building on a partnership that has already demonstrated autonomous mowing technology on some of golf's most prominent stages.

At the 2025 AIG Women's Open at Royal Porthcawl, 15 Husqvarna CEORA robotic mowers cut the championship's playing surfaces, marking the first time Husqvarna robotic mowers had performed this role at a major golf championship in the United Kingdom

Hosted by six-time Major champion and Husqvarna Brand Ambassador Sir Nick Faldo, the 2026 Husqvarna British Masters will begin with the celebrity pro-am on Wednesday 26 August, followed by four days of championship play from Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 August.



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HOW THE CRUYFF FOUNDATION TURNS SYNTHETIC TURF INTO COMMUNITY CHANGE

A football pitch is rarely just a football pitch. Across the world, the Cruyff Foundation is proving exactly that, using high-quality synthetic turf to create safe, durable spaces that support health, inclusion, and opportunity for children and young people in low-income areas.

The Foundation, which operates in 22 countries since its establishment in 1997, has tasked itself with providing opportunities for children, especially those with disabilities, to engage in sports and play. Rooted in the legacy of Johan Cruyff, Cruyff Courts are small football fields integrated into neighbourhoods, often in collaboration with local or municipal governments, to create spaces for children to grow, make friends, and improve their physical and mental health.

Synthetic turf sits at the heart of the model. Close to 95% of the 350 Cruyff Courts built since 2004 use artificial surfaces, chosen for their quality, year-round playability, and durability. Because the courts become a source of local pride, they tend to attract care rather than vandalism, helping them serve their communities for longer. That sense of ownership is central to how the Foundation works, with local partners such as professional football clubs and municipalities maintaining

the courts and running programmes for at least ten years.

The surfaces also provide a platform for sustainability innovation. Across the network, the Foundation has introduced solar-powered lighting and advanced water management systems, including a project in Orange Farm, near Johannesburg, South Africa where rainwater is collected beneath the pitch and filtered to provide clean drinking water. The 'Catch-Store-Reuse' system captures rainwater, stores it in its subbase, and purifies it in a GreenSource container next to the field.

Crucially, every Cruyff Court is more than a surface. Each one is supported by at least one trained Cruyff Coach delivering structured programmes built around youth leadership, mental health and gender equality, including dedicated safe spaces for girls to develop through sport. This focus on programmes is what turns a pitch into a genuine community asset.

The Foundation has been careful to grow in a way that protects that quality. Rather than expanding into as many countries as possible, it concentrates on enhancing its presence in countries such as the Netherlands, Spain, the UK, South

Africa, Malaysia, and China, where it is already established. The UK has seen particularly rapid growth, rising from 30 to 50 courts in the past year, with a similar trajectory planned in China.

Local identity is reinforced by naming courts after community figures and football legends. The Dennis Bergkamp Cruyff Court in Islington was the first to open in the UK back in 2008, and is now a hub for Arsenal in the Community. It remains a powerful example of how a single pitch can bring together a neighbourhood and create opportunities that reach well beyond sport.

Niels Meijer, CEO of the Cruyff Foundation, said: "Every Cruyff Court starts with a simple idea, that everyone deserves a safe place to play. Synthetic turf allows us to deliver that in almost any environment, giving communities a high-quality, durable surface they can use all year round and genuinely call their own."

"But the surface is only the beginning. By pairing each court with trained coaches and structured programmes, we help young people build confidence, leadership, and a sense of belonging. That combination is what creates lasting change in the communities we work with."

Stefan Diderich, Director General at ESTC, said: "The Cruyff Foundation shows just how much synthetic turf can offer beyond the game itself. A well-built, well-maintained court gives a community a safe, lasting space to come together, whatever the weather and for many years to come, and that is something this industry should be proud to support."



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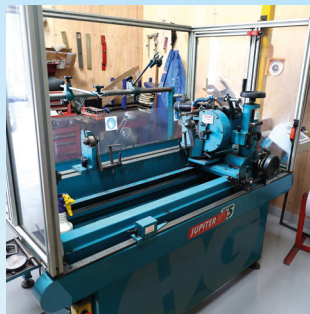
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