



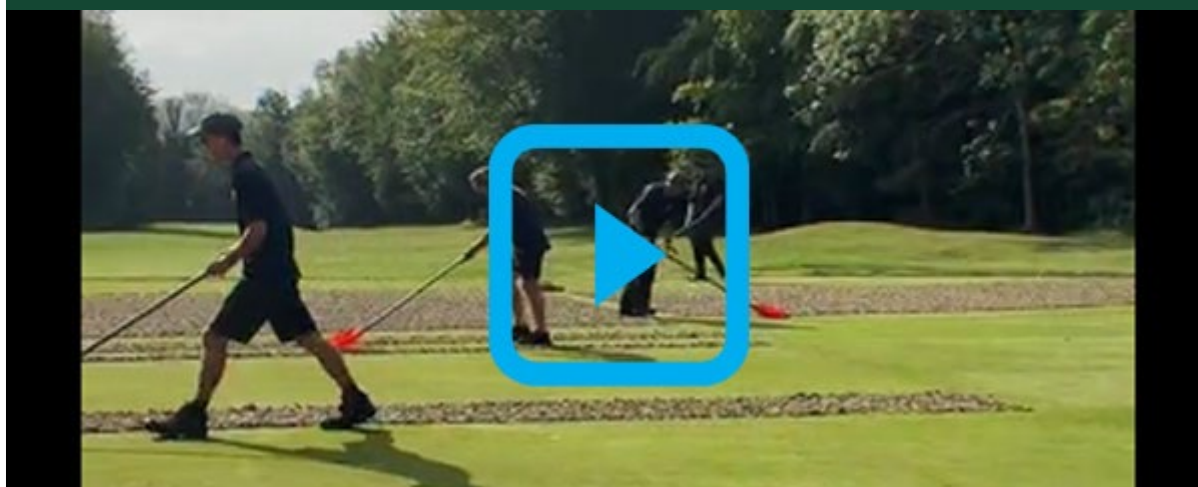
# Golf News

## Old Course Maintenance Week

The summer maintenance programme continued last week, with the Old Course undergoing key practices designed to aerate, remove thatch and encourage water and nutrients back into the soil.

The week was very successful, allowing not only the maintenance to take place, but key irrigation-related improvements and pruning of trees on hole 1 and 12, which had encroached on the line of play.

If you didn't take the opportunity to watch it in July, the following video is from our Coronation Course maintenance week and will help demonstrate the importance of the summer maintenance weeks to you as a golfer at Woodcote Park.



## Course and Slope Rating Adjusted Effective from Tuesday 19 August

Please be reminded that the revised Course Rating and Slope Ratings were introduced on Tuesday 19 August 2025.

The [following link](#) will take you through to the updated information, including the available tees for use.

## Pace of Play and Tagmarshal

Golf at Woodcote Park continues to enjoy high usage from pass holders, members and their guests. With both the Old and the Coronation Courses at full capacity, especially at weekends, the management of the pace of play is certainly a priority.

Across the golfing season, a commitment has been made to increase the presence of course marshals, who are on hand to help support players during their rounds. As part of this commitment, technology designed to help improve their efficiency in addressing pace of play challenges has been on trial during the summer.

The system works by monitoring each of the groups as they complete the round – during which the technology can determine not only whether a group is ahead or behind time, but also whether they are being delayed, and the cause of the delay itself. The purpose is to allow our marshals to attend to the root cause of the delay, rather than the consequences.

Please click below for a short product video, explaining the solution.



## HOW WE ARE ENHANCING YOUR GOLFING EXPERIENCE

Members who have played either in competitions or general play this summer may have, on occasion, had the green tags clipped to their bag or buggy, or someone's bag in their group. We are currently still testing and adjusting the GPS settings to ensure the data is as accurate as possible. When the tag is on your bag, there is nothing for the golfer to do other than to make sure they return the tag at the end of their round. Soon, there will be external return boxes when you finish your round. In the meantime, please return them to golf reception when your round is complete.

The initial data is coming in, but we need more. In fact, 200 rounds per course at least. Please do support the course marshals when having a Tagmarshal tag for your round. Pace of play-related feedback is frequently received, and the solution is being explored to provide an overall better experience for the majority of golfers.

Below is some interesting data from the most recent weekend's golf on the Coronation Course. Please note that this applies to tagged groups only:

**Quickest group** - 3 hours 45 minutes (3-ball)

**Slowest two groups** - 4 hours 47 minutes (3-ball)

**Average round length** - 4 hours 29 minutes

**Average time spent at halfway house** - 14 minutes

For those looking to improve their own pace of play, here are some helpful hints:

- Always carry a marked spare ball to play as a provisional either in your pocket or in a separate area in your bag.
- Ensure your golf equipment is positioned near the exit of each green, or on a designated pathway when provided.
- Offering to rake a bunker, whilst your partner marks and lines up their subsequent putt, can help save time.
- The stop at the halfway house is a ten minute refreshment stop. Longer than this results in a delay behind you. The average time this weekend was 14 minutes.

**Rhys Beecher**  
Director of Golf



## **Mixed Invitation Guest Day**

**Thursday 25 September, 9.00am Shotgun Start**

We are pleased to announce that we are now taking entries for Mixed Invitation Guest Day on **Thursday 25 September**.



To enter, please complete your entry form below. The last day to cancel is **Monday 22 September**. After this date, your membership account will be charged the full amount.

[Entry Form](#)



## Men's Match vs Delamere Forest Golf Club

Six members of the Club travelled to Cheshire to play against Delamere Forest Golf Club.

Three matches of 4BBB on Thursday ended with 1.5 points each, three matches of foursomes on Friday ended with 1.5 points each. The 3-3 result was fitting as the venue is new to the Club but is part of a series of matches to be played in 2026 featuring other Herbert Fowler-designed venues.

The objective is to provide a Herbert Fowler-inspired set of fixtures, with further details being shared as dates and timings are confirmed for 2026.



## Men's Autumn Meeting

**Stableford on the Coronation Course, Saturday 20 September**  
**Medal on the Old Course, Sunday 21 September**

Online sign-up for these Honours Board Competitions opens on **Saturday 23 August**. Both competitions are open to male Golf Pass Holders with a handicap index up to 18.4 on time of entry. Please play off your Playing Handicap (95 per cent of your Course Handicap).

Tee times will commence from **7.30am**. Tee time notifications will be given closer to the date of the competition. Last day to sign up is **Thursday 11 September**. Pass Holders must have played in at least three qualifying Medal or Stableford Competitions at the Royal Automobile Club, 364 days prior to the date of the competition.

[More Information](#)



## Ladies' Autumn Meeting and Lunch

**Medal Alternate Day Competition, Coronation Course,**  
**Tuesday 9 and Sunday 14 September**

Ladies with a Handicap Index up to 36.0 can enter for this Honours Board Competition. This is an Alternate Day Competition and you can only play on either the Tuesday or the Sunday and not on both days. Tee time notifications will be given closer to the date of the competition. Tee times will be within Handicap Index Divisions.

On Sunday 14 September the competition will be a two tee start from the 1st and 10th tees from 8.00am. After the golf, lunch will be served in the Derby

Room at 2.30pm. Any lady playing on the Sunday will be expected to attend the Lunch in the Derby room following the competition. This is a condition of entry. The two-course lunch will be £37.75. Please email [Golf Operations](#) with any dietary requirements.

The last day to cancel before your membership account will be charged for the lunch is **Thursday 11 September**.

[More Information](#)



### **Mixed Roll-Up: '9 Holes and The 19th'**

**Coronation Course  
Friday 22 August**

The Mixed 9 hole, followed by a barbecue, is taking place this Friday. Start times are shown on Intelligent Golf. Following golf, a barbecue will be served on the Spike Bar Terrace. The cost will be £23.00 per person. However, please also bring £2.00 for prizes.



### **Men's Haig Cup**

**Coronation Course,  
Saturday 23 August**

This is a gentle reminder that this Stableford Honours Board Competition is to be played off the white tees.

Please play 95 per cent of your Course Handicap.





## Drinks on the Go Available on both Golf Courses

Experience the convenience of the Club Shop and bar brought directly to you on the courses.

Quench your thirst and enjoy cocktails made for you including Negroni and Pimms, both served over ice and with a garnish. Alternately, choose a refreshing cold beer or soft drink to keep you going for the rest of your round.

On busy days, the buggy will be out and about driving the back 9 to refresh members on an ad hoc basis.

For further information and to book the buggy, please contact the Club Shop Team on [01372 229 248](tel:01372229248).



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