

Course Development Bulletin – December 2016

We would like to provide the following course update to bring an end to 2016.

As described in previous bulletins, phase 1A: the woodland thinning, mulching, and stump-grinding is complete. There remain some stump holes and some areas of wear which will be seeded when the weather allows.

We have made good progress with phase 1B: holes 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. The hard landscaping of the 7 holes has been completed to schedule. All of the turfing in the Castle field has been completed and a good start made to the 13th and 14th holes.

Remaining work schedule for Phase 1B:

Depending upon the weather, we anticipate that all turfing will be complete before the end of January. At this time, holes 13 & 14 should be brought into play, with the new features marked GUR.

During the first week in February we should be applying a layer of coarse sand to the bunkers. This will bind in with the clay and form a base for the subsequent application of finer sand. The drains will also be given their final operational check at this stage.

All being well, we will apply the first 2 inches of sand to the new bunkers during the second week in February. Existing bunkers will also be topped up at this time.

The sand in the new bunkers will be allowed to settle for a while before we apply the second 2-inch layer of sand. This will be at an appropriate time when we are sure that conditions are suitable.

We would like to express the deepest gratitude to Barrie Lee and his team for the exceptional work they have carried out this year and the commitment they have shown to the club, on top of their normal duties.

We would also like to thank you, the members, for your patience & support and wish you a very prosperous and healthy New Year.

The breakdown of spend to end of November 2016 is:

		£
Phase 1A	Members' Presentations prep & delivery	711
	Woodland Thinning including mulching & stump grinding	19,424
	Misc. expenses including seeds, Greens OT, & fuel	4,967
	Topographical Survey (9 holes)	2,100
Total Phase 1A		27,202
Phase 1B	Earthworks	8,750
	Turf, Seeds, Sand & Drainage	3,067
	Detailed Designs & Project Management	8,400
	Consultancy Visits & Expenses	1,722
	Less Donation	5,000
Total Phase 1B		16,939
Total Spend to 30th November 2016		44,141