

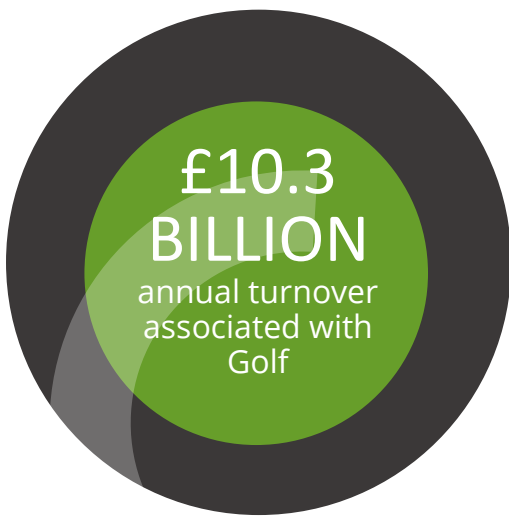
Golf Courses



Golf is a major UK Sport with an estimated £10.3 billion turnover. Some 75,000 people are employed in the sector and there are an estimated 3.9 million golfers in the UK. Golf course management in the UK is highly regarded across the world.

FACTS & FIGURES

3.9 Million Golfers in the UK



75,000

**PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN
THE SPORT**

14%

**PUBLIC SPENDING ON
SPORT**

2,500 (0.5% of land area)

Golf Courses in Britain



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HOW IS IT DONE AND WHY?

At the heart of it all is implementing a comprehensive planned approach to course management; promoting healthy turf and protecting the environment. Part of this requires an integrated approach to weed, pest and disease management. Without maintained facilities the consequences would be substantial economically, environmentally and in social terms.

All of this uses an approach which combines prevention with cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical techniques. Best management practices for golf courses are well understood and applied to overcome any problems

Where needed plant protection products are used safely and correctly; this is key to all approaches.

All staff should be professionally trained and continually keep qualifications up to date.

Golf courses are an important part of our natural environment and vital for a range of wildlife habitats. They need to be managed sustainably and effectively.

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KEY INFORMATION

- Whilst all methods of management are and need to be utilised, plant protection products remain a key component to the solution.
- Nobody would wish to use a chemical which is unsafe but the current process of authorisation and checking ensures this is not the case.
- Any consideration must be based on proper science & evidence.
- The Amenity sector in the UK has led the way in committing itself to best practice & developing an easy to identify way of ensuring a fully qualified operative is being used, the Amenity Standard. They achieve this through their organisation being a member of a UK approved assurance scheme
- Weed, pest and disease management is both important and essential. Greenkeepers are well educated and manage their courses to promote healthy turf and a healthy environment, using as few chemicals as they can, as part of an integrated approach
- The Amenity Forum sets our Golden Rules for Best Practice in the sector - www.amenityforum.co.uk

THE AMENITY STANDARD



The Amenity Standard is a quality management benchmark, to ensure that public spaces are maintained to the highest professional levels; seeking to keep all amenity areas safe and healthy for all to use.

Those amenity organisations that promote the logo show that they have a "licence to practice" and you can have confidence that work undertaken is to best practice standards and fully meet the legal requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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