

# GREENKEEPERS BLOG

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## Work on the course:

- Recovery
- Surrounds
- Fairways
- Tip work
- Pitch marks

Recovery from the aeration and the irrigation troubles has progressed remarkably well, with this weeks weather helping. It has been the first aeration work for 9 months due to the weather and the Covid situation, which had made us protect the greens more than usual since play restarted. Now that we have done this essential work we can start to be slightly more aggressive with our practices. The greens mowers have been sharpened and lowered which should see an improvement in speed. There has to be a balancing act between keeping the greens healthy and the height of cut.

Surrounds have received a application of wetting agent to help growth and to re-wet any areas that had dried out in the previous weeks. Next week the surrounds and tees will be sprayed with some fertilizer and growth regulator to help strengthen the grass going into autumn .

The fairways will also receive an application of wetting agent next week.

Work has started around the tip behind the 7th. Firstly the conifer hedge has been removed and now the local farmer has made a start moving the soil and shaping it into a long slope which will hide the tip from play and blend into the surrounding area better than the hedge. This work will take a few weeks as the farmer is coming in when the weather isn't favourable for his jobs.

Doing this job has many benefits, not only will it be more natural looking but will allows us to tidy up other areas around the course, help store materials for future projects and also saves money on not having to transport material off site.

Please will all members make an effort to repair pitch marks, with the aeration work and the rain making the greens more receptive, we are seeing a lot more, not only is this disruptive for the groups following, but it is also an invitation for turf diseases and for weeds to grow.

Thanks

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