



Course Update

The course has benefited from some favourable weather over the past month. The majority of areas have recovered well from the summer drought, and the course remains relatively dry for the time of year.

We had a very successful maintenance week, carrying out scarification, solid tining, top-dressing and seeding on the greens. They have recovered very well, and these essential works will allow for good greens throughout the winter.

Over the past week, the team have been busy mole-ploughing various areas across the course. **If your ball comes to rest on one of these plough lines in the rough, you may take free relief.**

These drainage works aim to improve overall course drainage and playing conditions throughout the winter. We also hope they will help reduce the number of course closures during periods of wet weather.

With temperatures remaining mild, regular mowing is still a priority across the course. As the leaves begin to fall, the team will be keeping on top of leaf clearance using our tractor-mounted blower. Alongside this, we will begin work on a number of winter drainage and bunker projects as we look to improve course conditions and prepare for the months ahead.

Course Protection

Following some heavy rain showers over the past couple of days, green surrounds and steep greenside banks have been roped off today to help protect the course and maintain safe playing conditions.

Please do not take trolleys or buggies beyond the ropes, and do not step over the ropes on the greenside banks.

Tees 10, 13 and 14 have been moved to their winter tees to allow the main playing tees time to recover and for new seed to germinate before temperatures drop further. Other tees may be moved as necessary, depending on weather and ground conditions.

Hole 12: Buggies must remain on the path, and trolleys must be kept in the rough.

Hole 12 The recent works are looking to have been successful , but we have decided that due to the vast amount of earth work carried out and the subsequent re seeding , we are going to play this hole as a Par 3 this winter when conditions dictate this is to allow the new seeded are to bed in and for the ground to settle after all the works that have been carried out.

Individual mats will be mandatory for all members and visitors from 2nd November. In the meantime, we would be very grateful if members playing casual golf (non-competitive and non-qualifying rounds) would consider using individual mats to help protect the playing surfaces.

Greens Team

A big congratulations to Tom, who has recently completed his Level 2 qualification in Greenkeeping/Sports Turf. Well done Tom!

We would also like to thank our regular volunteers for their continued hard work and support:

Frances Halewood, for her excellent work managing the gardens around the clubhouse.
Steve Bowden, who regularly lends a hand out on the course. Alan Hughes, for his work clearing damaged trees.

Volunteer support is invaluable to the ongoing improvement of the course. It allows the rest of the greens team to focus on other essential maintenance and course improvements.

Thank you to all the greens team and our volunteers for the time and effort they contribute to Northop Golf Club.

Kind Regards,

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