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It has been a turbulent few weeks since our last issue. A new prime minister, the death of Queen Elizabeth and, following a period of mourning, a mini-budget, of which as I write the Prime Minister has u-turned on already.

Although I never had the opportunity to meet the Queen, I understood the massive outpouring of grief among the millions for whom her Majesty was a constant in their lives. Renowned for her passion for horses and dogs, she had a great love for the outdoors and a keen interest in horticulture. From a young age the Queen attended the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with her parents, becoming patron of the Royal Horticulture Society soon after ascending to the throne. She continued her visits to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show right up until this year, and was also the patron of her local horticultural club, The Royal Windsor Rose and Horticulture Society, for many years. And as an owner and breeder of racehorses, I'm sure she knew and thing or two about turf, too!

Speaking of which, this month we shine the spotlight on SALTEX, the grounds management and turf exhibition which returns to the NEC, Birmingham at the start of November. As always it offers visitors the opportunity to see the latest industry innovations and broker some deals, and with the theme of sustainability on the agenda the chance to share ideas on how to maintain our landscapes to the benefit of our environment. Following on from this topic and in the lead up to SALTEX, Greg Rhodes speaks with the grounds team at Tottenham Hotspur

FC (see page 16), on how they are encouraging biodiversity both in their training grounds and main stadium. They will also be at the Learning Live event at SALTEX with inspirational ideas.

Also in this issue on page 36 we take a look at the latest in leaf blowers, specifically backpack blowers to ease the strain of working on the tools all day.

And finally take time out to read the latest from our columnist Paula Warman, who this month discusses conquering her fears and taking a leap of faith. Taking to the stage at the Landscape Show in September, Paula shared with her audience that to succeed she felt the need to step out of her comfort zone and take risks. It appears to have paid off for Paula, and thankfully, unlike our new prime minister, she has not had to back track on her intentions.

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National Landscape award winners announced

The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) announces 63 winners of the 2022 National Landscape Awards

It is a year of multiple awards, with 13 BALI members scooping more than one, with accredited contractor Nurture Landscapes receiving an unprecedented six and Wright Landscapes close behind with five. In total, 39 BALI members were recognised with awards across 27 categories. All will now be looking to December to compete for the Principals, Specials and sought-after Grand Award at this year's ceremony.



A Contemporary Garden in Hampstead: Bowles & Wyer; Domestic garden construction over £250K (Photo credit: Paul Upward)

The National Landscape Awards' expert Judging Panel, led by Chair, John Melmoe, were joined by Chief Executive, Wayne Grills and Events Project Manager, Emily Feeny for three days of deliberation, where every entry was reviewed and scrutinised by the panel.

Of this year's entries John Melmoe comments: "The most difficult element of any project to deliver, is the final 5%. It is this small difference that separates average schemes from great ones. Experienced, well managed members respond to clients or programme pressures with the required resources and are determined to ensure the highest standards are maintained. During the review and deliberation process, we often comment on the elusive and, in many cases critical last 5%. We have seen some basic, relatively low budget schemes executed to a remarkable standard. We have also seen high value, iconic projects missing that vital last step. It is self-evident from the number of entries and client's reactions over the years, that the kudos of receiving a National Landscape Award remains highly respected within the industry. This year's entries continue to showcase the complex and diverse nature of our industry, with some truly exemplary projects."

Chief Executive, Wayne Grills adds: "Year on year I am amazed by the skill and creativity the Association's

members have in creating exceptional spaces for their clients and this year's winners have been no exception. Everyone on the Judging Panel feels the responsibility to ensure they are recognising truly exceptional, client focussed solutions. We are also excited to see a growing focus towards integrating environmental and sustainable solutions within the practical requirements of the project."

Following a spectacular return to a physical event in 2021, the National Landscape Awards ceremony will once again be held at the JW Marriott Grosvenor House, Park Lane, in London on 2 December 2022. This year's ceremony will be hosted by actor and writer Ralf Little, best known for television comedy and the roles of Antony Royle in *The Royle Family* and Jonny Keogh in the first six series of *Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps*. He is an accomplished awards host and a charismatic and entertaining presenter.

The team at Landscape House, the board of directors and the Judging Panel wishes to congratulate every Association member who has won a 2022 National Landscape Award and thank every member that entered this year. We extend our gratitude to our committed and loyal sponsors, including headline sponsor Green-tech, for their continued support, as well as our welcome and thanks to our new sponsors.



A Rooftop Oasis: Rosemary Coldstream; Design excellence, overall scheme under £50K (Photo Credit: Richard Bloom)

- Visit baliawards.co.uk for the full list of winners and latest updates.
- Follow the National Landscape Awards on Twitter (@BALI_Awards) and Instagram (@baliawards). Members are encouraged to share their win(s) using the official hashtag #BALIAwards2022 when posting on social media.
- Tickets are now available to purchase online.

GIMA Awards sponsors

This year's Garden Industry Manufacturer's Association (GIMA) are set to take place on 20th October at Celtic Manor in Cardiff. The event brings together the latest in product and marketing innovations being sold within the garden retail sector.

The event is supported by a host of sponsors made up of manufacturers, suppliers and media representatives. This year's headline sponsor is Glee – the leading trade exhibition for the garden retail sector.

Matthew Mein, Glee event director, says: "We have been headline sponsors of the GIMA Awards for many years, and long may it continue. A true celebration of the best our industry has to offer, the gala dinner is a highlight of the annual events calendar, and we're proud to be part of it."

Category sponsors will include Decco, who will be sponsoring the Garden Care category, and eBay, who will be a category sponsor as well as sponsoring this year's table drinks. As always, the GCA and Gardenex will be sponsoring the Supplier of the Year and Export Achievement Awards, respectively, with the Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) sponsoring the Sustainability Award for the first time

Keeping guests entertained between courses will be



GIMA 2021 award winners

the Hozelock sponsored table raffles, whilst the main charity raffle be sponsored by recruitment specialists, MorePeople. Both raffles will be raising funds for the Greenfingers Charity, helping them to continue to build therapeutic spaces at children's hospices across the UK.

Pre-dinner drinks will also be kindly supported by sponsors EP Barrus, Primeur, CJ Wildlife and 2021 GCA Supplier of the Year, Meadow View Stone.

If interested in attending there are a few tickets left for the 2022 event. Visit gima.org.uk/events/ to register.

Nursery scheme to conserve water

Wyevale Nurseries is creating its new water conservation and storage system at its King's Acre container site as part of its ongoing sustainability plans and annual environmental targets. Work has started on a new reservoir to help it capture, save and recycle more water.

Steve Reed, production director, container division, says: "As water becomes an increasingly fragile resource, we're delighted to be installing this new



Steve Reed, Wyevale Nurseries' production director

reservoir to secure our long-term future. We currently recycle 34% of our water and are building this reservoir to dramatically improve this percentage.

"As part of our annual ISO 14001 environmental accreditation, we have regular targets for recycling water and we're at our maximum. Our last two years figures are similar, averaging at around 35,000 m³, which is still about 14 Olympic-sized swimming pools, but we are going to increase that figure with the extra storage.

ISO 14001 is an internationally accredited standard outlining how organisations can put an effective Environmental Management System (ESM) in place. It is designed to help businesses remain commercially successful without overlooking environmental responsibilities and impacts.

It can also help firms develop sustainably while reducing the environmental impact of their growth.

"We're proud holders of our ISO 14001 environmental accreditation and are always looking at ways of improving and innovating with regards our water conservation," says Steve.

Wyevale Nurseries supply to garden centres, landscape contractors, local authorities, foresters and landowners with a comprehensive array of trees, shrubs, hedging, herbaceous and specimen plants.

Plants@work award winners

Since 2013, plants@work has each year honoured companies through its Industry Awards in Landscape Excellence. The awards are designed to recognise the vitally important work carried out by interior landscapers, to identify the teams and individuals that are performing their functions to the highest possible standards.

Again this year, a team of judges visited various sites of entries throughout the summer to see for themselves and award accordingly the creations of plants@work members. This included two awards that collected special nominations.

Best project award: This year's best Project Award, nominated by judge Nicola Bristow, is The Atrium at Sheffield Hallam University which she thought created a 'A very warm and welcoming environment'.

Special commendation: Nicola also recommended phs Greenleaf's The Living Walls & Wellbeing Garden at Speedy Innovation Centre for a Special commendation. 'Part of its charm is that the planting was designed to reduce the building's carbon emissions'.

Both submissions were congratulated on their use of plants and choices of plants for the projects' intentions.

Last year a Goodwill Leaf category was introduced to address awards for projects undertaken for charity. This year, with the pandemic less in focus, there was only one entry but one deserving an award. It was submitted



Atrium at Sheffield Hallam University

for phs Greenleaf's 'Christmas Cheer' for Ronald McDonald House in Cardiff. This 30 bedroom house is described as a lifeline for families with children and babies being treated at the hospital opposite, providing free accommodation for parents, grandparents and siblings so that they can remain close by without any financial burden.

Plants@work Chair, Kenneth Freeman says: "We would like to congratulate all members who took part in the Awards and were recognised in their categories. Next year we really hope to meet up in person to make this event the true celebration it deserves to be."

To see full list of awards visit www.plantsatwork.org.uk

Manifesto for sustainability

The Society of Garden Designers (SGD) has published a *Manifesto for Sustainable Gardens and Landscapes* to present its declaration of intent and to establish principles and methodologies that encourage its members and affiliated business partners to create gardens and landscapes where sustainability comes first.

It follows on from the society's hugely successful Symposium earlier this year, where members and experts gathered to consider how to design and specify gardens with a lighter footprint, that sequester carbon, provide healthy ecosystems and offer diverse habitats to help to reverse the decline of biodiversity which has accelerated over the last 50 years. It will be accompanied by a longer Manifesto Support Guide offering practical advice and ideas on how to work more sustainably with contributions collated from the SGD members and experts who



Picture credit: Tracy McQue MSGD

attended the Symposium.

The SGD Manifesto and the Manifesto Support Guide together with associated information sharing sessions and online resources launching in October 2022, are part of a longer-term SGD strategy, set out in its Environmental Action Plan, that has been adopted to address both the environmental crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Lynne Marcus MSGD, Chair of the SGD says: "It is hard not to feel paralysed by the enormity of climate change and the implications of the tragic loss of biodiversity that humans are responsible for, but depend upon. As garden and landscape designers we are privileged to have the opportunity to make a difference. While it is sometimes easy to take the path of least resistance, we must all be crusaders in this urgent campaign."

The SGD is asking for all members and affiliated business partners to pledge to support the Manifesto and to commit to adopting responsible and regenerative practices for future projects. The support guide will be updated annually and the Society would like to hear from members, partners and related industry experts who have any additional guidance and advice that they believe would be relevant to include in the document.



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BIGGA Student greenkeeper winners

The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) and sponsors Reesink Turfcare and Toro have revealed the winners of their annual awards competition, with the finals taking place this year at the Goodwood Estate, West Sussex.

During a sombre evening following news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the winners of this year's awards were revealed. Throughout the day, the 12 candidates – selected from a record 54 nominees – had contested the grand finals of the Toro Student Greenkeeper Awards.

Ripon City Golf Club Deputy Course Manager James Gaskell (30) was revealed as the 33rd winner of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award. James has been greenkeeping for five years, taking up the profession on a full-time basis after graduating from the University of Sunderland. A talented golfer playing to a 1.6 handicap, James said his experience of playing competitive golf compliments his greenkeeping knowledge and the awards judges were impressed by his considerable dedication to the sport and his chosen career.

James was endorsed by Myerscough College, where he is studying towards his Level 3 in Advanced Golf Greenkeeping. James's tutor, Andy Kenworthy, has contributed to the development of the three most recent awards winners.

The runner-up of the award is Andrew Ritchie (24) of St Andrews Links Trust, who is studying towards his SVQ Level 2 Sports Turf Maintenance at GOSTA Training College.

The 6th winner of the Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award is Carden Park Golf Club greenkeeper Peter Pattenden (19). A talented rugby player, Peter has represented North Wales and Scottish Exiles, but it is in golf that he has chosen to pursue a career. Having been a greenkeeper for almost three years, Peter works at Carden Park in Cheshire where his father is courses and estates manager.

Peter was endorsed by his employer and is studying towards his Level 3 in Advanced Golf Greenkeeping at Coleg Cambria.

The runner-up of the Young award is Luke Charnley (19) of Royal Liverpool Golf Club, who is studying towards his Level 2 Certificate in Golf Greenkeeping at Myerscough College.

With the awards split into two separate categories, candidates for the 'main' Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award completed a rigorous day of testing that included an exam, an essay question, grass and seed identification and a presentation on their career so far. Candidates for the Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award, who must be aged 21 and under when nominated, undertook an exam and then a hole walk with



Peter Pattenden (left) and James Gaskell

the awards judges that is intended to test the finalists' knowledge in a real world setting.

The Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award was introduced in 1989, with an additional 'Young' category introduced in 2016. Previous winners and finalists have gone on to become some of the most influential characters in the greenkeeping industry, helping shape the sport of golf in the UK and further afield.

The Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year winner receives: enrolment in the 10-week University of Massachusetts Winter Turf School; a two-week expenses-paid placement at Adare Manor, venue of The 2027 Ryder Cup; an all-expenses paid trip to the GCSAA Conference and Show in Florida; and a visit to Toro Corporate HQ, R&D Centre and Equipment Operations in Wisconsin.

The Toro Young Student Greenkeeper of the Year winner receives: a two-week work placement at Vidauban Golf Club in France; a five-night trip to Continue to Learn at BTME; and a gift voucher for Toro Training.

The student award endorser receives a trip to the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in the USA and the young student endorser will receive a trip to Vidauban Golf Club. All finalists receive a year's free membership with BIGGA.

BIGGA Learning and Development Executive Deb Burnett says: "Among the many activities BIGGA undertakes each year to assist the professional development of our members, the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Awards are almost certainly the most inspirational. For those feeling disillusioned about the challenges our industry faces in coming years, our 12 finalists provide all the reassurance you need to be convinced that greenkeeping and the sport of golf has a very bright future."

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Bobcat to enter groundcare business in 2023

Leaders in compact equipment, Bobcat will be entering the Grounds Maintenance market in 2023 with a new product range to complement its current portfolio.

At the Galabau trade fair, which took place at Nuremberg, Germany in September, Bobcat gave a preview of the company's new mowers, part of the range that also includes new compact tractors and turf equipment. By adding these new product lines alongside the company's mini track loaders, small articulated loaders and related attachments, Bobcat will offer a complete range for all groundcare needs.

The main feature at Galabau was the launch of Bobcat's MT100 mini track loader. With a standard width of just 904 mm (increasing to 1045 mm with the Wide Track Option), the smaller dimensions of the new MT100 provide easy passage through narrow gates and doorways. In addition, this facilitates work in confined spaces.

John Chattaway, Loaders Product Manager at Bobcat, commented: "With the MT100 mini track loader, users can travel and work in the tightest spaces where other machines cannot. The MT100

should not be underestimated - it can track and tread lightly over soft ground and lawns with ease, but combined with many Bobcat attachments its capabilities prove endless work-saving opportunities from the largest to the smallest of jobs."

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New leadership at HTA

The Horticultural Trades Association (HTA) has appointed Fran Barnes as its Chief Executive. She joins the HTA from the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales (NFU), where she has worked for over 10 years, first as Head of Strategic Communications and subsequently as Director of Communications.

Fran's appointment follows the recent appointments of Jennifer Pheasey as Director of Public Affairs and Elia Johnston as Director of Marketing, with the HTA strengthening its senior leadership team as the horticulture sector focuses on building upon the growth in the number of domestic gardeners witnessed during the pandemic and delivering the "Unlocking Green Growth" strategy launched in September last year, even more relevant in the current environment.

Commenting on her appointment Fran says: "I am delighted to be joining the HTA as Chief Executive. The horticulture sector delivers so much for the country's economy, wellbeing and environmental sustainability, and the HTA's reputation for supporting and representing its members – and the wider industry – is first class. I look forward to building upon its impact, as well as continuing to develop the services offered to members."



New distribution hub for Kubota



Machine manufacturer Kubota has opened a new European Parts Centre (EUPC) to strengthen its global parts supply chain network.

Located in Thionville in the French region of Moselle, the new warehouse has been built as a dedicated parts distribution hub primarily to supply dealers and distributors across Europe and the UK, but with the ability to also support key regions such as the US and Japan.

Representing an investment of €15 million, Kubota's new EUPC currently employs around 90 staff. From this hub, dealers and distributors will have access to a vast stock of spare parts for agricultural, groundcare

and construction products and industrial engines, as it further strengthens its presence in Europe.

"The development of this extensive parts centre will provide greater access and availability to further support our existing regional parts supply operation in the UK," explains Simon Chadbone, Kubota (UK)'s business development manager for parts.

"Having a European Parts Centre will greatly benefit our dealer and distributor network, by providing a more timely and cost-effective solution for the supply of original parts, which in turn will reduce the impact of downtime for our customers," he adds.

Sustainability champions

Tottenham Hotspur FC is encouraging biodiversity on a scale unmatched in the Premier League, **Greg Rhodes** discovers



Landscaping around the Lodge at Tottenham's training ground

Could sport be the great connector between the sweeping landscapes of our treasured estates and the humblest back garden? Viewing the landscaping enterprises at Tottenham Hotspur FC, the answer is a resounding 'yes'.

The club's stadium and training centre sites both boast prime examples of natural environments shaped to nurture biodiversity and sustainable practices that stand up as exemplars in the footballing fraternity.

How many clubs, Premier League or community, include great crested newt ponds among their settings? Tottenham Hotspur Training Centre (THTC) does, two of them in fact, among a host of other advances to enhance sustainability, unveiled in 2016.

Since the THTC opened in 2011, grounds manager Nick Phillips has seen the landscaping vision roll out across the 90-acre centre, a stone's throw from the A10 near Enfield, first as head groundsman and, since 2020, as grounds manager.

The scale of management – 32 grounds staff and gardeners, (a team of 16 each) gives some insight into the complexity of what is a sporting, horticultural and amenity centre of excellence.

"Sportsturf construction is my bread and butter, but we wanted to come away from dedicated pitchcare so divided the department into landscaping and turf specialties [the latter tending the 17 grass and hybrid pitches]," he explains.

The THTC is well protected from unwanted wildlife

intrusions. "A secure perimeter mesh fencing keeps out badgers and moles, which might damage sensitive areas," Nick says, "and we've allowed the laurel hedge lining the centre to grow up to further shield the site."

Vegetable plot

Meanwhile, the organic vegetable garden and mini orchard supply fresh fruit, herbs and vegetables to the first team restaurant, using sustainable practices.

Players are picking up on the theme too. "Eric Dyer has started growing his own vegetables in his organic garden at home," Nick reveals, a trend that'll surely spread across the club and beyond.

The centre functions as both a day destination and stopover for wildlife, which can choose from 20 bug hotels, installed in 2015 to bolster biodiversity. They certainly offer five-star accommodation for the blue tits, bees, wasps and ladybirds populating the site.

"We preserved the existing bat run, installed boxes for them and sustained and enhanced the hedge line to preserve their territory," says Nick, adding: "stockpiled fallen trees provide log piles for natural habitats for worms and insects, further increasing biodiversity."

Water management features prominently, with pitch irrigation fed by two, 100m deep boreholes drilled into the underground aquifer. Drainage chambers underneath the sports surfaces collect excess irrigation and rainwater, which is then filtered and reapplied.

"The tanks are pH tested (to measure acidity) three

times a year to ensure we retain correct chemical balance before irrigating," Nick explains. "Pop up sprinklers fitted in the landscaped areas allow us to control the quantity of water we apply. We prefer a pH of 5-6 where possible."

The team upgraded the Hunter irrigation system two years ago, with a software package enabling them to actuate sprinklers from mobile devices.

Green waste reuse

Also, a grey water recovery system channels excess drainage water back to the irrigation tanks for reuse, Nick adds.

Waste is a dirty word at Spurs. "Nothing goes to landfill," Nick confirms. "The large volume of grass cuttings we generate passes to a registered recycling centre for turning it into compost."

"We reuse all green waste generated from the second pass of korrowing when the pitches are renovated, stockpiling it before applying to improve soil on the landscaped areas. These include an extensive rockery surrounding the French Garden, planted up with alpines, herbaceous borders containing mixed native shrubs and drought tolerant species, and a wildflower meadow."

The team test all soils before applying them and create a range of different organic mulches and coarse and fine bark.

Academy provision requires a nod to artificial pitches and Nick is currently looking into more sustainable infill for the two at THTC.

"We want to replace rubber crumb with recycled materials and there are several options available," he says.

It almost goes without saying that Spurs are on the drive to electric tools and machinery. "Our Toro fairway mowers are hybrids, the hand mowers are electric, as is our Workman and the hand tools," Nick says. "It all helps reduce noise and air pollution across the site."

Helping reduce reliance on the grid are solar panels fitted to the training centre, while green roofs on the main building and lodge further boost biodiversity and eco-friendliness, Nick adds.



Roof garden on Lillywhite House at Tottenham's main stadium

Sustainable stadium

The stadium construction sparked implementation of landscaping around the venue and existing buildings now used as offices. "A couple of the landscaping team move between the two sites," says Nick, "to ensure we encourage biodiversity and sustainability there too."

Back at the stadium, head groundsman/deputy grounds manager Gary Lee, who is part of a team of six plus a dedicated gardener tend a biodiverse landscape to complement that at the THTC.

Softening hard exteriors is a living wall outside the ticket office and a roof garden on Lillywhite House, complete with seating areas and raised beds, screened with laurels and silver birches.

"A secret garden," Gary dubs it and one to put you in mind of perhaps its most renowned counterpart atop the old Derry and Tom's department store in central London, better known today as Kensington Roof Gardens.

"As a club we take pride in our landscaping, horticulture and aesthetics," Gary reveals, "our dedicated gardener Morgan Brown is eager to maintain the quality of the environment. Upkeep is now managed in house to help deliver highest possible environmental standards across the property."

"The club has always been considerate of biodiversity and sustainability," Gary points out, "and set up a task force across all departments to input ideas on what we could introduce on site to encourage it." Kestrels and sparrow hawks have been regular visitors to the ground, he says, a firm indicator of wildlife diversity.

Rainwater harvesting in the grounds sector is starting to catch up with Europe, says Gary, who explains that the stadium site is planning to complete it in the next year to two years, with five attenuation tanks around the stadium storing rain falling on the site's rooftops.

Liquid passing through the hybrid turf carpet match pitch flows into a large tank underneath the surface, remaining isolated from any watercourse, Gary explains, before being treated prior to reusing it for irrigation.

"Nutrient input will always be high for a sand pitch but the sector is under pressure to reduce nitrogen, pesticide and fungicide application. We test the soil regularly to help us apply only what we need. It's a more refined way to manage use through the season."

When the turf carpet is ripped off for renovation, contractor Hewitts separate the root zone and reinforcement, ready for sustainable disposal. In a further move to reduce the club's carbon footprint, Gary is exploring switching HPS bulbs in the growlighting for LED equivalents.

"Our carbon neutral fund allows us to implement such changes, including tree planting to offset third party events," he says.

- Nick and Gary will be discussing how Tottenham Hotspur FC promotes biodiversity at this year's Learning Live, SALTEX in Theatre 1, Weds 1 Nov from 12.15 - 12.45pm.



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A new life for the MEDITE SMARTPLY Chelsea garden



*MEDITE SMARTPLY - Building the Future Garden,
RHS Chelsea 2022 (Photo credit: Ollie Dixon)*

With sustainability high on the agenda, there has been a push to ensure the exceptional gardens from RHS Chelsea Flower Show get a second life. The RHS Chelsea gold winning garden by MEDITE SMARTPLY - Building the Future Garden – will certainly achieve this aim, as a large part of it is being donated to Andover Trees United, a volunteer-led environmental charity which works closely with schools and local authorities.

Half of the trees used in the original Chelsea garden have been donated to Andover Trees United to be replanted in Harmony Woods as part of their 10-year planting project. The scheme gives children and young people in local communities the chance to help turn 12 acres of farmland to the north of Andover in Hampshire, into a natural urban woodland, increasing biodiversity and providing a wealth of opportunities for learning in and about the environment. The remaining trees from the Chelsea garden will be reused by the multi-award-winning garden designer herself Sarah Eberle, in her other garden design projects. Sarah has also reused

numerous plants; some have been used for her project at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show earlier this year and others for her personal projects.

The impressive garden structure in the original design, made from MEDITE TRICOYA EXTREME, and including SMARTPLY STRONGDECK in its roofing, will be relocated to a local school in Andover, who Andover Trees United work closely with. The buttresses and turf will also be relocated to the community school, in addition to the self-binding gravel featured in the garden.

“We are extremely delighted to be donating this astonishing garden to benefit local school children and students,” says Chris King, a managing director at MEDITE SMARTPLY. “To be able to contribute back to the community and educate people from a young age about the importance of trees and how they contribute positively to the climate change emergency is an incredible opportunity. The garden name ‘Building the Future’ really does encompass the ethos of the garden and its longevity. As a company, we are very proud to be taking a steer on this.”

The relocation forms part of MEDITE SMARTPLY’s legacy campaign. Every part of the garden has been relocated for reuse in new projects, thereby reducing waste and continuing to store the carbon captured within the wood panels. This is a further demonstration of the company’s commitment to being fully sustainable and promoting circularity – an aspect that all partners win involved in the garden embrace.

“The construction industry needs to do more to avert the climate crisis. We need to embrace the concept of a circular economy; to reuse, recycle and refurbish existing materials to reduce waste and be more sustainable. Our engineered wood panels are an example of just what can be achieved.”

Furthermore, the furniture used on the garden will be re-used by artists Alex and Emma Devereux who worked on the garden. Even the fencing around the garden is to be reused. Landform Consultants, who constructed the garden, will keep the 38 sheets of SITEPROTECT PLUS panels used in the boundary of the garden to reuse them in site hoarding of future projects.

Chris King concluded: “We are very excited to see how this project develops in its second life.

To illustrate further possibilities of what can be done with MDF, MEDITE SMARTPLY have a dedicated online MDF community site which invites enthusiasts to share work, gain inspiration and even win prizes that will enable the user to build bigger and better with MDF: www.meditemakesitreal.com

For further information visit: mdfosb.com

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What's On?

In addition to learning about new products, services and suppliers to the industry from home and abroad, SALTEX also has an extensive programme of events and learning opportunities.

It has links with the Football Foundation and sees the relevant funding bodies from the sporting world come together to share the impact of financial support in the grounds care industry. And BASIS will be attending too, who at this year's show will be presenting the latest information on this year's hot topic – sustainability – in a sporting context.

Learning LIVE

The Learning LIVE schedule this year has been extended to over 30 sessions, with additional papers attacking the key issues for the grounds care industry of pay, career development, recruitment, and retention, how to negotiate in the workplace and how to find out about the millions of pounds of grant funding available from sports clubs. But what's at the heart of Learning LIVE and this year's show is sustainability and the environment.

Those managing and maintaining sports turf and green spaces are already having to deal with the impact of climate change and industry suppliers are doing their best to innovate and help grounds people minimise the impact of droughts and floods. The session on reducing the impact of future water restrictions on golf and sports turf, for example, with Owen Turpin from the Environment Agency, Tony Hanson from Environmental Solutions International and Robin Price from Anglian Water discussing the water charter and how to deal with it will provide valuable practical advice.



Eco Village

The whole concept of the Eco Village is to showcase sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices in grounds care and consider what is a sustainable piece of machinery – what's the impact on the environment and how does it help achieve neutrality? The Eco Village features a programme of daily demonstrations of cutting-edge sustainable technology, offering visitors an opportunity of seeing several products in action. Plus, industry experts will offer advice on green technology and how it could benefit current working practices.

GMA Industry Awards

The GMA Industry Awards hosted by the BBC's Mark Clemmit are back for the 12th year. It's so important to celebrate the achievements of individuals and teams operating in grounds management and is key to positive workforce development. With 18 awards and an evening to celebrate everyone nominated, it's a ringing endorsement to the good work and talented people in the industry. Tickets to the event can be purchased at saltex.org.uk



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SALTEX Preview

A look at some of the suppliers and manufacturers exhibiting their latest products and innovations at **SALTEX 2022**, the turf management show

Aspen | Stand: M055

Aspen, the original alkylate petrol pioneers, are back at SALTEX with their range of alkylate fuels for two and four-stroke engines and an initiative not to be missed. Visitors to their stand can learn how Aspen enhances engine performance and reduces the negative impact on both the operator and environment with a chance to then trial it for themselves – and get their money back if they change their minds!

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"People may think that all petrol is the same, but when people give Aspen a go, they quickly see the benefits it can bring to all aspects of the task at hand," comments Business Development Manager Axel Hildebrand. "The reduction in toxic fumes and the elimination of the 'blue haze' is particularly beneficial for those operators using hand tools or working in confined spaces, and we're confident that as soon as operators give Aspen a try, they won't look back."

www.aspenfuel.co.uk

Advanced Turf Technology Limited | Stand H070

Advanced Turf Technology Limited (ATT) will be returning to SALTEX for 2022, showcasing their popular INFINICUT® and TMSsystem™ ranges.

The continued recurring increase in global energy costs now makes the INFINICUT® a serious consideration when deliberating the move to electrically powered equipment. On their stand at the NEC, the ATT team will have a handy software programme which can help calculate payback on



energy which could help to validate any decisions in making the transfer.

Visitors will also be able to see a wealth of new INFINICUT® features, including the extension of the range of battery's they offer to include a new 105AH Lithium variant. The full range of batteries available can be swapped between mowers in the INFINICUT® collection, resulting in even greater versatility and optimised fleet management. Furthermore, in response to the additional technical variations in the way pitches can now be reinforced, INFINICUT® mowers can now accommodate adjustable/removable weight kits for situations where increased down pressure is required. The weight kits can easily be removed when gravity readings are at optimal levels.

A trailing seat is also now offered on 34" variant mowers - extending the versatility of where and how the mowers operate.

Completing the abundance of new innovations, the recently introduced brush system used on the INFINICUT® SM34 Rotary mower will also be on display. This set-up is the only one that sees the brush sit behind the front roller, ensuring maximum grass agitation prior to cutting or vacuuming.

www.infinicut.com

Avant | Stand L138

AVANT will be promoting its new 645i and 650i loaders and fully electric model, the e6. Together with the remarkable range of attachments, the loaders provide endless possibilities for all grounds care professionals.

AVANT are also displaying and demonstrating their Leguan spider lifts at this year's show, with a team of specialists on standby to answer questions on all things mini-loader or spider lift related.

A visit to the Avant stand will offer opportunities to someone working in grounds care, whether it is a plan to invest in a loader or spider lift for the first time, or upgrading to a larger, more powerful model or finding out more about greener and quieter loader alternatives.

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Cramer Tools | Stand E045

At this year's Saltex, Cramer will feature over 30 cordless professional outdoor power equipment tools, including chainsaws, blowers, hedge trimmers, grass trimmers, brush cutters, multi-tools, and power cutters.

The main feature will be their brand new 82V Zero Turn mower built for commercial use – a showstopper due to its 4 hectare cutting capacity per charge (5 hours of mowing) and its robust ergonomic design.

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Authority targets; significant noise reduction compared to traditional petrol machinery; designed to generate less heat and increase efficiency and battery life

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Dennis and SISIS | Stand E070



Renowned for their pedestrian battery-powered products, 2022 sees Dennis celebrating its 100-year anniversary and SISIS their 90th anniversary at this year's SALTEX.

Reliable and long lasting, the exciting Dennis E-Series is a range of battery powered mowers that are no compromise alternatives to its popular range of petrol machines. Ultra-low noise, low vibration, user friendly and super low CO₂ footprint, the new range of mowers are helping users towards the carbon neutral goal.

On show this year will be the **ES-860** battery mower; the **ES-34R** rotary mower with twin contra rotating blade; the **ES-36**, capable of cutting 2-3 pitches on a single charge; the **ES Verticut TT** that reduces thatch, improve the sward and encourages finer grasses to flourish and the **ES-26** with a 26" cutting width, amongst other products.

www.dennisuk.com

DLF Seeds | Stand J052

DLF are putting sustainable and environmental solutions under the spotlight at the show.

In attempts to repair and recover surfaces during the cooler season, the increased energy reserves of DLF's 4turf® tetraploid perennial ryegrass demonstrates exceptional germination at temperatures as low as 4oc. The strong, fast establishment and healthy plant development is backed up with a larger root system meaning 4turf® surfaces are more tolerant to drought and a range of other environmental stresses.

For spring renovations - and of particular interest for local authorities, sports grounds and gardens – could be self-sustaining clover. The unique root nodules on clover are capable of converting atmospheric nitrogen into a gradual supply of natural fertiliser, resulting in sustained growth. Microclover, a smaller-leaved dwarf white clover, is incorporated into Masterline's PM82

Microclover Sport mixture, blended to improve turf quality whilst being kinder to the environment thanks to its reduced requirements for herbicide, fungicide and fertiliser.

The DLF technical team will be on hand to discuss formulations from across the Johnsons Sports Seed, MM Seed and Masterline ranges, in addition to the Pro Flora wild flower and Colour Boost amenity flower collections.



EGO Power Plus | Stand H090



EGO will be debuting its brand new zero-turn ride-on mower for 2023, with the industry's first e-STEER technology. EGO's ride-on mowers have the power equivalent of 22 horsepower, can cut up to 2.5 acres on a single charge and are platform compatible, meaning you can use the batteries across any of EGO's product range.

EGO will also be showcasing its latest Line Trimmer featuring Line IQ, the world's first automatic line feeding technology which requires no bumping of the head while tackling areas of long grass.

On the stand, visitors will also be able to use EGO in the virtual world, trying out Skyhook Games' popular Lawn Mowing Simulator, where EGO products including the ZT4200E-L ride-on mower and ST1400E-ST line trimmer, have been authentically recreated and introduced to the game to offer its first sustainability-led mowing experience.

www.egopowerplus.co.uk

Etesia UK | Stand E072

The ET Lander won the prestigious SALTEX 2021 Innovation award within the vehicle category and came second within the environmentally friendly category. This year it returns with a fully N1 homologation compliant meaning it will be fully road legal as well as maintaining its off-road capabilities.

The new models also feature lithium-ion batteries so that the ET Lander range now extends to 100km and have a charger system compatible with a standard type 2EV car charger.

Etesia will also be launching the Electric Bahia M2EL lithium the Bahia M2E - the world's first 100% electric professional ride-



on-mower with grass collection. It is powered by a 48V, 100Ah lithium battery, which enables users to get up to 4 hrs 30 mins of action before it needs recharging.

A pocket-size ride-on mower, just 0.82 m wide and 1.98 m long, the Bahia features an incredibly tight turning circle. With its low centre of gravity, the Bahia's 33/67 weight distribution on the front/rear axles make it a highly stable mower that masterfully copes with slopes.

It is also highly economical - its running costs are £0.35 against £3.57 for the petrol version and there are the obvious reduced maintenance costs – such as no belt, no filters, and no engine oil.

www.etesia.co.uk

GKB Machines | Stand H051



GKB Machines returns to Saltex 2022 with a new solution to the problem of large-area leaf clearance. The GKB Leaf Reducer offers an economic and environmentally-friendly alternative to the time-consuming task of leaf collection – effectively mulching the material and returning it, and its nutrients, back into the surface to the benefit of impoverished soils.

The Leaf Reducer has been developed in direct

response to demand from local authorities, looking for a more sustainable working method to collect and dispose of fallen leaves. In a single pass, the flails on the Leaf Reducer collect the leaves before a turbine provides both initial fragmentation and the airflow needed to pull the material into the machine where it is further milled into a fine mulch. The fine 'porridge-like' material is then returned to the surface via a rear ejector which can be adjusted to a desired direction depending on the location putting nutrients back into the soil.

The Leaf Reducer is available with a 1.5m working width, and an adjustable working height to treat areas with both low and higher heights of cut.

Other products from the GKB range on show include the Deep-Clean, for effective cleaning and removal of contaminants from synthetic surfaces and the Deep Tine Aerator (DTA).

www.gkbmachines.com

GREEN-TECH | Stand H057



Green-tech returns to Saltex with a bigger stand this year, to offer a range of award-winning Green-tree soils and growing media. In addition a selection of native John Chambers Wildflower seed will also be on display; it is well known for being a high quality, hand prepared seed that can be supplied as part of a mix or as a single species.

Green-tech are now distributors of the new 100% biodegradable NexGen Tree Shelters, making a debut at Saltex.

Also on show will be an extensive range of ground protection and reinforcement products which provide solutions for uneven, damaged, or heavy trafficked land. We are a leading UK distributor of Terram geosynthetic products and will have specialists on the stand to discuss any project requirements.

www.green-tech.co.uk

Henton & Chattell | Stands G090 & G070

Henton & Chattell, suppliers of turf and garden machinery brands will be attending this year with four of its leading ranges – Cobra and Woodbay Turf Technologies on Stand G090 and Billy Goat and Hansa Products on Stand G070.

Having acquired the exclusive UK distribution rights earlier this year, Wood Bay Turf Technologies is one of Henton & Chattell's newest brands and is the manufacturer of golf, lawn bowling greens and other sports turf maintenance equipment. The company has been creating world-class turf maintenance equipment since 1987, with leading products in the range being the greensIRON 3900 and greensIRON 6200 turf rollers; the fds9200 multipurpose turf dethatcher and the famous tungsten carbide tipped vertical cutting blade, dynaBLADE.

Also at the event will be their Hansa Products which specialises in the design and manufacture of high-quality wood chippers.

www.hcuk.co/



Hozelock-Exel | Stand F125

Professional knapsack specialists Cooper Pegler will be introducing padded straps to its Classic and Series 2000 models to heighten operator comfort and limit body strain during use. Many of the go-to knapsack models across the popular brand include ergonomically tailored harnesses to channel loading forces in a way that limits stresses on the body.

The latest advance from manufacturer Hozelock-Exel, which follows extensive trialling, further enhances operator



safety and protection to include cushioned strapping on Cooper Pegler's Classic and Series 2000 knapsack models.

The cushioned strapping is introduced at a time when more sports venues and amenity sites are reducing the quantity of treatment liquids they apply in a bid to improve their green credentials.

The strapping is understood to be available on new knapsacks from March 2023 but models already in use can be retrofitted with the accessory once launched.

www.cooper-pegler.com

Husqvarna | Stand H060

Husqvarna, the pioneer of industry-leading innovations within professional turf and grounds care management will be at SALTEX this year with a range of standout handheld products which span from chainsaws to hedge trimmers and blowers, as well as Husqvarna's world-leading professional robotic mowers and hybrid ride-on-mowers.

Visitors will also get a sneak peek at the brand's new battery product portfolio for 2023, offering the chance to learn more about the latest innovations and technology that Husqvarna will be unveiling into the category next year.

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Kubota | Stand C070

Kubota will be launching the LXe-261 electric compact tractor marking a major step forward in Kubota's eco-friendly product line-up.

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Side-by-side vehicle ranges will include the newest addition to Kubota, the RTV 520, launched earlier this year and making its UK debut at SALTEX. It combines high performance and comfort with a range



of accessories suitable for a wide range of domestic and commercial applications. It features a variable hydrostatic transmission (VHT) with one-pedal operation for smooth acceleration and dynamic braking.

www.kubota-eu.com

Makita UK | STAND K109a

Makita UK will showcase its vast selection of cordless machines - spanning over 300 LXT 18V and Twin 18V models and over 90 products within its new XGT 40V Max range.



Since its launch in 2020 Makita's XGT platform has grown to support a range of machines including brush cutters, hedge trimmers, grinders and more. The XGT batteries are IPX4 rated for protection against water ingress – which is ideal for groundskeepers working outdoors in unpredictable weather. The high power, durability and long run times offered also mean work can be completed efficiently.

Makita is also offering professionals an opportunity to expand their Makita collection with its latest promotion deal. With the purchase of selected outdoor LXT and XGT machines, there is a chance the chance to claim a free DAB Radio, or a free LXT or XGT battery (up to two available depending on qualifying models purchased) to add to their collection. This exciting offer is running nationwide on purchases of qualifying products from 1st October up until 31st December 2022.

www.makita.com/redemption

MM Seeds | Stand J052

An impressive range of MM grass seed mixtures will offer visitors the chance to find out how the innovative seed technology could vastly benefit their sports pitches. Some of the mixtures to see will be:

MM60 – a 100% Ryegrass formula and the UK's leading winter sports renovation mixture, known for its fast germination and its high wear tolerance.

MM50 – A hard-wearing mix has rapid germination, extremely fine leaved appearance, high shoot density and is tolerant to very close mowing, as low as 5mm, along with high disease resistance. All these attributes together produce a fantastic sward for surfaces such as cricket pitches and tennis courts.

MM Tetrasport – a traditional repair mixture, especially useful for overseeding of high quality sportsfields to improve sward composition and aid recovery from disease scarring, Tetra Sport consists

of Tetraploid Ryegrasses and is ideal for when the cooler weather arrives.

www.mm-seeds.co.uk



Origin Amenity Solutions | Stand G060

Origin Amenity Solutions (OAS) returns with its four brands – Headland Amenity, Rigby Taylor, Symbio and Turfkeeper. Headland's pioneering 20-20-30 enhanced plant health tank-mix is back under the spotlight fighting against the risk of turf disease. Meanwhile, the Rigby Taylor team will again be offering solutions for the colder months with a focus on tetraploid seed mixtures – delivering enhanced root growth and germination in temperatures as low as 4oc. Complementing this, they will also be demonstrating their line marking portfolio, the latest addition to which is the Tiny Pro X robotic line marker from the leading GPS Tiny Mobile Robots range.

An innovative biological thatch degrader from Symbio will be another stand highlight. DegrAID contains beneficial bacteria and fungi that can break down lignin and cellulose in thatch, converting it to humus



and making other nutrients such as phosphorus and potassium available for plant uptake. Completing the line-up, a live demonstration of the newest feature on the digital Turfkeeper platform will be on show. The Beacon application offers push-notifications direct to a mobile device, helping the operator to keep up to date with their team and the task list while away from the desk.

www.originamenity.com

Pellenc UK | Stand E072



Pellenc UK will be launching two new models of pruning shears – C35 and C45. They are equipped with the innovative Active Security anti-cut system, patented by Pellenc, which is based on the principle of the natural bioimpedance of the body: the blade stops immediately in case of contact with the hand. They are powered by the ULiB 150, 150P or 250 battery, guaranteeing a day of minimum autonomy.

In addition, the Pellenc range of equipment with onboard Alpha battery has been extended with the arrival of the new Cultivion Alpha. The Cultivion soil cultivator is a high-performance alternative to chemical products. Versatile, it can be used for hoeing, soil aeration or weeding, and is suitable for all types of soil, both on the surface and below.

www.pellencuk.com

Left: Pellenc Cultivion Alpha

Redexim | Stand M075

As their 40th anniversary celebrations continue this year, Redexim brings to SALTEX the latest iteration of where its journey began – the iconic Verti-Drain®. The very first Verti-Drain® rolled off the production line in 1980, with Redexim UK gaining the rights to sell the now iconic aerator from their inception in 1982.

The latest model, the Redexim Verti-Drain® 2519, has now set the benchmark when it comes to high-speed, high-productivity aerators. Featuring a 1.9m working width and an ability to accept a wide range of tine options, the 2519 can cover almost 9000 sq.m per hour thanks to its PTO speed of up to 540rpm. This efficiency, combined with Redexim reliability, has made it a popular choice with both greenkeepers and grounds managers alike.

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Reesink UK | Stand K080

Reesink UK this year brings innovations and technologies, new launches and best sellers from across its divisions. Reesink Turfcare will be launching the new Toro ProCore 648s and Toro Workman UTX 4x4.

It will also unveil the new Toro Workman UTX 4x4. This robust four-wheel drive, full-sized utility vehicle has 25 percent more cargo capacity than others in its class and blasts through its tasks. Finishing the line up is Toro's Groundsmaster 3300 mower, back with its innovative flail attachment, and one of two tractors – the TYM T395 is coupled with an AgriMetal blower attachment at the show.

The industry's first all-electric compact tractor from Reesink Agriculture is the second on stand. Since Farmtrac's FT25G launched, it's won awards including the SALTEX Innovation Award in the Environmental and Sustainability category. Also on stand, and the next



big thing for sustainable cleaning of machinery, is Bio-Circle GT Maxi, the parts cleaner that requires no water and eliminates pollutant run-off into the water system.

From Reesink Hydro-Scapes, there's a selection of irrigation and water aeration solutions, encapsulating the long established and industry-leading Toro irrigation systems, controllers, sprinklers and soil sensors, Otterbine pond and lake aerators; SRC wall-mounted controllers and quick-replace Franklin pump systems.

www.reesinkturfcare.co.uk

STIHL | Stand H020



Professionals visiting the STIHL stand will be able to see the new BGA 300, STIHL's first cordless

backpack blower for professional users, offering high performance and a significantly less disruptive sound thanks to its innovative STIHL Noise Reduction System (NRS). Thanks to the STIHL NRS, the BGA 300 produces fewer high pitch frequencies often associated with cordless blowers, meaning operation is much more pleasant and less intrusive for bystanders.

Other new products available to see is the HSA 100 cordless hedge trimmer and MSA 300 cordless chainsaw. The HSA 100 boasts a 60cm cutting blade, rotating 3 position handle and newly designed controls for easy guidance when trimming. The MSA 300 is the most powerful cordless chainsaw in the AP System, offering equivalent cutting power to the MS 261 C-M making it ideal for felling, cross-cutting, snedding and processing.

www.stihl.co.uk

Timberwolf | Stand H085

Timberwolf is launching the hybrid wood chipper, the TW 280HB HYBRID at SALTEX. Designed for organisations committed to minimising emissions and fuel usage whilst not compromising on performance, it has a leading peak power of 62hp with a Kubota D902-TE4, 24.8hp turbo diesel engine. It has a processing throughput of over 7 tonnes/hour



with No Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF). Furthermore it has a self-charging system, so no external charging required.

The TW 280HB HYBRID joins the existing Timberwolf ranges which include PTO, gravity, road tow and tracked wood chippers. All Timberwolf wood chippers come with a three-year warranty as standard. Timberwolf owners also have access to quality of service and support, with a network of over 30 dealer depots across the UK and over 250 trained technicians ready to offer expert advice as well as spares and technical support.

www.timberwolf-uk.com/demo

Vanmac | Stand K070

This year, Vanmac features highlights such as the Progressive TDR-X tri-deck contour mower and infamous Trilo S3 vacuum collector. More than a year on from the extension of the partnership between Vanmac and Progressive, this has borne fruit for both parties with the range of innovative, rotary finishing mowers delivering first-class quality of cut for turf managers across the country and the full spectrum of applications.

The Progressive TDR-X is now setting the standard for contour following ability – with three independent floating decks offering a cutting height range from 9.5mm to 84.5mm and cutting width of 3.2m. This ability to cut precisely, without scalping, makes the TDR-X a firm favourite with golf courses, local authorities and large-area green-space managers.

Sitting alongside the TDR-X, visitors can expect to see a number of leaf clearance solutions from the Trilo



range including the multi-purpose S3 and the BL960.

Also on the stand will be Vanmac's new CEO Christian Arends.

www.vanmack.co.uk

Weedingtech Stand E057

Weedingtech, the world leaders in non-herbicidal weed control will be showcasing their revolutionary Foamstream product at SALTEX, with visitors able to see the very first hybrid powered unit – the M600H.

Foamstream has fast become recognised as the future of non-chemical control and has been proven to be as effective at treating broadleaf weeds – including species that can be difficult to control by conventional methods – as Glyphosate.

Its active ingredient is hot water, which is insulated by a patented foam formulated from 100% natural plant oils and sugars meaning it can be used in any weather and on any surface, including environmentally-sensitive areas and those close to children or animals. The foam



maintains kill zone temperatures for six times longer than other heat-based treatments, killing the weed, damaging the root and sterilising seeds and spores to reduce re-growth.

Foamstream is delivered via industry-leading machinery, available in different sizes and

with different power options, suitable to mount on a variety of UTV's or municipal vehicles.

The M600H is Weedingtech's first hybrid unit, combining the economy of Lithium-Ion battery power with the proven efficiency of a diesel-powered boiler. The M600H offers a flow rate of 6 litres per minute and, as the quietest unit in the range, is particularly well suited to jobs in inner-city and rural environments.

www.weedingtech.com

ISEKI | Stand H040

ISEKI will be presenting their unbeatable SF range of cut and collect mowers at SALTEX alongside their renowned range of compact tractors.

In addition ISEKI will be announcing that they are now distributors for Addax all electric commercial vans. Built to order to individual specifications the vans come with box or tipper bodies, plus a payload of up to 1000kg. Fully N1 road homologated with a speed of up to 42 kmph the Addax vehicle is ideal for travelling between sites or through towns where zero emissions are required. Good for your wallet and the environment the commercial vehicles boast one of the lowest running costs in the market. All Addax vehicles are equipped with a reliable, long-lasting LiFePo4 battery that can easily be charged and comes with a five year warranty. Equipped with advanced remote diagnostics every Addax has high quality 4G monitoring



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Turf influencer mows ahead thanks to training and skills success



Social media sensation and turf industry influencer **Jimmy the Mower** is 'landscaping' his skills and knowledge after successfully completing **Lantra's** Ride-On Mowers training course. Here he speaks with Lantra's **Craig Winyard** about the importance of keeping skills up to date

Jimmy the Mower (real name James Broadhouse), who along with his wife Phillippa, is a partner in Ditton Services Grounds Maintenance based in rural Shropshire, has just completed the Lantra course which was delivered by Alan Stephens at Countryside Training in Staffordshire.

The course covers ride-on mowers including both petrol and battery models – and Jimmy the Mower said the whole training experience has boosted his confidence and will act as a catalyst for him to encourage more people to undertake relevant courses.

Jimmy shot to social media fame in the summer of 2019 when he posted a picture of a council pitch he cut in Bilbrook, Staffordshire, with the message, 'It might only be a council field next to the tip, but to the kids round here playing football it's Wembley. So, I always cut it like it is.' The tweet went viral and has been viewed by millions of people.

Since then, Jimmy the Mower has appeared many times on National and Regional TV and is now a major turf industry influencer, social media sensation and YouTube creator.

But his working life did not start out mowing fields and parks, it started out in a very different field – in retail.

Jimmy said: "I started in the industry by accident really. It wasn't my intention – I was in retail management, and I was looking for a change and I just started doing a bit of grounds maintenance to help people out, it really evolved from there.

"The Lantra Ride-On Mowers course was perfect for me. I was a bit apprehensive before I went but I really enjoyed it. I found it very informative, there was a lot of stuff in there that I already knew which boosted my confidence and there was also some stuff that I didn't actually know – I found that very interesting.

"There have been a lot of new things happen since I started in the industry and there is a lot of different legislation and a lot of different machinery about from when I first started out."

Jimmy said it was vitally important that more effort and work is put in to provide more information so people who want to get involved in his industry can do so.

He said: "I don't think there is enough information out there for potential new recruits. I am trying to shine a

light on the industry for everyone working within it as they are doing a fantastic job.

"We need defined career paths for people - we need people to be able to come in and see that just because they start on a strimmer they're not going to be stuck on a strimmer for life, just because they sit down on a mower that they are stuck on that mower forever, unless they want to be.

"You have got to nurture people and have defined career paths and educational opportunities to back these career paths up. People need to know there are opportunities available to them. Through Lantra training, career paths become accessible to forge a career in the industry.

"I was really pleased with my Lantra course and was a bit nervous before I started, as I wasn't 100 per cent sure of what to expect. I had read through the course overview but you're never quite sure of how it is going to go but I was put at ease straight away by my Instructor who was great.

"We sat down and had a chat and a cup of tea and biscuit. I was relaxed and to be honest I started the course without even knowing the course had started - that's how good the Instructor was.

"We started working our way through the course

materials and before I knew it, I had completed the first two modules. I felt very happy and content when I had completed the training. I was delighted when I was told that I had completed and passed the course with full marks!

"I would encourage anyone to take part in a Lantra training course to learn something new or refresh their existing skills," he added.

- For further information about Lantra courses please visit <https://www.lantra.co.uk/our-courses> or visit them at this year's SALTEX on Stand K124



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Boosting the Professional-X range, the LBX6000 blower from outdoor battery-powered equipment specialist EGO Power Plus, is designed with power and user comfort in mind for full days of strain-free work.

Lightweight and easy to handle, the LBX6000 comes with five power settings including Boost mode to give users the power to move even the most stubborn debris, helped with its ability to blow over 1014m³/h of air per hour and variable speed trigger for increased control.

This Blower balances exceptional run times and performance with user comfort due to its compatibility with the entire EGO battery range when using the

BHX1000 Harness, keeping users working all day without strains, aches, or emissions.

Ergonomically designed for a full day's work, EGO's Lithium-ion BAX1500 backpack battery can go from empty to full in just 3.5 hours and can handle more than 1,000 charge cycles, whilst the harness comes with padded and water-resistant comfort straps and back cushioning to help users work better for longer.

For additional usability, the LBX6000 has sturdy feet to save the blower tube from accidental damage, a Lock-Off switch for extra safety during transit and additional nozzles—either flat or round—so users can tackle both wet and dry leaves with ease.

www.egopowerplus.co.uk



Cramer 82B1300 professional blower

The Cramer 82B1300 is an 82V high performance battery backpack blower that was designed specifically for the professional. Offering durability thanks to its robust design, and exceptional power and airflow from the 82V brushless digital motor. For larger areas it features dual battery slots integrated into the backpack harness to extended runtimes with an automatic switchover, for smaller tasks it can also run on a single battery. With Cramer even the most demanding jobs can be carried out quickly, efficiently, and safely.

The 82V technology rivals an equivalent 50cc petrol



blower yet has significantly lower running and ownership costs, making it a viable option for any professional user or business. As well as the cost and performance benefits the Cramer 82V range offers additional safety in the workplace, with low vibration, low noise, and zero emissions or harmful fumes for the operator when working. With an exceptional 69m/s airspeed and 1300 m³/h airflow, the 82B1300 can clear large areas quickly and efficiently while optimizing operator comfort.

As part of the Cramer 82V professional line-up, the battery is interchangeable in any of the 82V range from lawnmowers, hedge trimmers, chainsaws, and even power cutters. Offering one battery for any professional application.

www.handyonline.co.uk

Husqvarna 570BTS backpack blower

Husqvarna's 570BTS petrol backpack leaf blower is designed to handle the most demanding tasks. It has a weight of 11.2 kg, offers full user control and is designed with an X-Torq engine, making it more sustainable and powerful compared to an ordinary two-stroke engine.



The 570BTS delivers extraordinarily high air volume and excellent airspeed with a 37 N blowing force to get rid of any kind of debris such as leaves, branches and pinecones, supporting everyday users working within commercial grounds management.

With a robust design, the 570BTS can withstand tough treatments and can be transported with ease, making it perfect for landscapers who have multiple jobs to complete within a single working day.

Integrated with an efficient air purge for cruise control, this industrial blower has an easy start-up and handling function as well as an ergonomic harness and padded straps for superior comfort – features that all contribute to supporting landscape professionals all day long.

www.husqvarna.com/uk

Makita UB002C 36V battery backpack blower

Matching the performance of a 50cc petrol engine, the UB002C 36V battery backpack blower from Makita has been designed to meet the needs of professional contractors with long run-times and minimal noise and vibration.

The powerful UB002C

features a simple variable speed control and produces a blowing force of 22 newtons, a maximum air volume of up to 19.0 m³/min and an air velocity of up to 76.0 m/sec. The 36V power is supplied by the Makita PDC1200 portable backpack battery, which can also be used with a range of compatible Makita cordless machines. The PDC1200 includes a 33Ah solid state battery and with the UB002C provides approximately a 45-minute continuous run-time at maximum power, offering most contractors enough to cover a day's work based on actual trigger time.

The configuration of the backpack reduces user fatigue, especially when used for longer periods of time. With the weight of the machine and battery transferred to the user's back, rather than supported by their arm, the UB002C can be operated more comfortably for longer. The design of the harness, with padding in key areas, also makes it comfortable to wear.

The UB002C has a cruise control feature, an adjustable control grip position and LED battery gauge indicator for simple power monitoring. It is also IPX4 rated meaning it is showerproof and can therefore be used in changeable weather conditions.

www.makita.com



Pellenc Airion backpack blower

Pellenc, the world's leading expert in battery-powered tools for maintaining landscapes, has announced the latest product launch in its range – the Airion Backpack blower.



It is light, odourless, noise-free, with no starting problems and enough power to enable professional users to work for a full day on a single charge.

One of the most powerful battery-powered backpack blowers on the market, it has an airflow of 1,280m³/h and a thrust of 24N. Its performance is suitable for day-to-day road green space maintenance work in all seasons.

The wide, thick shoulder straps and integrated adjustable belt offers comfort during prolonged working sessions and its inclined pivot gives full freedom of movement with the nozzle, allowing manoeuvrability reminiscent of a hand-held blower. The handle can also be adjusted to the user's height with all controls still within easy reach.

The large backlit display on the smart handle provides the user with real-time information including current speed, battery life (as a percentage and in minutes),

option currently selected (boost and cruise control) and time worked on the current work site.

The Airion Backpack's design optimises its aerodynamic efficiency by 15% compared to competing tools and its battery life has been extended up to three hours – depending on the battery used.

As with other tools in the Pellenc range, the Airion Backpack blower comes with IP54 water-proof rating and can be fitted with three different nozzles depending on usage – angled, angled-flat or flat.

www.pellencuk.com

STIHL BGA 300 backpack blower

The BGA 300 is STIHL's first cordless backpack blower for professional users, offering high performance and a significantly less disruptive sound thanks to its innovative STIHL noise reduction system.

With a blowing force of 26 newton, it is the most powerful in the STIHL cordless range and features a high air speed to ensure even wet, heavy autumn leaves can be cleared quickly and efficiently. The new cordless blower is powered using STIHL's professional AR 2000 L or AR 3000 L backpack batteries.

Thanks to the STIHL noise reduction system, the BGA 300 produces fewer high pitch frequencies often associated with cordless blowers, making it well suited for use in noise-sensitive areas such as schools, parks or around public amenities.

For the optimum blowing angle the BGA 300 boasts a curved nozzle as standard, and the blower tube length can easily be adjusted to meet different requirements and operating situations.

Other features include wide feet for secure footing whilst on the ground, a hook for the blower tube for easy transport and storage, as well as compatibility with the new Smart Connector 2 A.

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Green-tech distributes NUE-TREE FERT

Leading landscape provider Green-tech has added NUE-TREE FERT to their range of forestry planting products. This move enables Green-tech to offer a complete nutritional range of fertilisers for the forestry industry.

NUE-TREE FERT has been developed by Origin Fertilisers who have over 50 years technical experience of supplying woodland reforestation schemes. This is a tried and tested range that focuses on nutrient use efficiency.

Green-tech will be adding five products to its range.

- 1. NUE-TREE FERT CRF** - A high quality, controlled release fertiliser developed specifically for planting hole application.
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Sales director for Green-tech, Richard Gill says: "Becoming distributors of NUE-TREE FERT is great news for our customers. This is a high-end innovative product range which focuses on increasing nutrient efficiencies. It enhances our current offering and is targeted at commercial forestry, native woodland schemes, and Christmas tree growers.

Green-tech is the leading supplier of tree planting products, and the addition of this fertiliser range offers our customers even greater choice."

Callum Norman, speciality sales manager adds: "Origin Fertilisers is delighted to partner with Green-tech as its national distributor of our NUE-TREE FERT range of products. Green-tech's distribution and logistics network extends the reach for this product range, enabling it to be sold nationally across UK and Ireland."

Watch it grow

Growers for commercial landscaping projects, Greenwood has announced the launch of its new contract growing service called Watch It Grow. The service allows clients to pre-select the plants they need, to their specification, and within the timeframe they require them. The plants are cared for and closely monitored every step of the way, ensuring they mature to the best possible quality.

"Watch It Grow puts control of plant supply directly in our clients' hands," explains Glenn Devenish, managing director of Greenwood Plants. "Not only does it give them control over the quantities and varieties of the plants they receive, but it also reduces risk as they can be assured that their plants will be available and of the highest quality, in their required time frame."

The process involves working back from the anticipated project delivery date and creating a production plan and comprehensive project schedule, working with its plants and seasonal constraints to ensure delivery for the desired time.

Regular photographic updates are available through Greenwood's innovative Tender Tool app. This feature

gives the visual assurance that clients will value because they can monitor how their plants are progressing.

As part of Greenwood's sustainability journey, Watch It Grow is available in peat-free growing media. Greenwood aims to be fully peat-free by the end of 2023, and is currently undertaking extensive trials across its nurseries to find the best possible peat-free growing media.

For more information visit:

www.greenwoodplants.co.uk/contact-us



Plant donation for care home

Yorkshire based nursery firm, Johnsons of Whixley, has donated plants for a dementia care home garden scheme created by award-winning designer Luke Arend.

St Catherine's in Shipton by Beningbrough, run by Wellburn Care Homes, which has recently gone through a complete transformation after months of research, development, planning and design.

Garden designer Luke worked to a brief to tempt residents outside and enjoy the garden with family members. It included functional requirements such as wheelchair access, safe paths with no anxiety-inducing dead-ends and clear edges, safe sensory plants (no poisonous, spiky, or thorny), plants which mark seasonal change, a safe water feature, dappled shade, clear views from the building and raised beds for interaction with the planting.

He created concept plans and mood boards and spoke to residents and family members about the design and considered garden features to invoke a positive, beautiful environment and memories.

"There is now a strong body of evidence of the enormous physical and mental benefits of just being in a garden and nature for patients with dementia including evoking memories, increasing confidence and



socialisation, and importantly decreasing agitation," says Luke speaking of the benefits of the garden.

In addition the garden includes wet-pool rubber flexible non-slip paths, a beautiful Victorian-style central Gazebo, raised beds, a water feature, furniture, sculptures and memory-invoking plants.

The plant donation from Johnsons of Whixley was worth over £500 and included Hydrangeas and roses.

The aim was to include plants that residents are familiar with to help bring positive memories, including lavenders, tulips, geraniums and roses.



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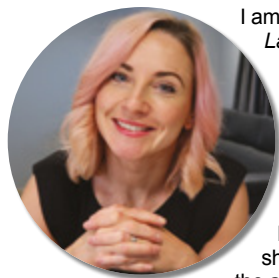




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Conquer your fears

Taking to the stage at this year's **Landscape Show**, **Paula Warman** shares her insights on woman in industry and candidly admits to stepping out of her comfort zone to succeed in business



I am just back from attending *The Landscape Show* and coming down from the high of being at a leading industry event, meeting some fantastic people in the industry.

At the show I had the opportunity to speak on stage as part of the Women in Landscape day and I'd like to share a few ideas I discussed with the audience.

My opening question to them was:

'Are you fed up of being asked if you are just the designer or just the planting person in your business? I am!' It can be difficult to stand in your own power and own the fact that you are a business woman in a very male dominated industry. My own experiences in owning a landscaping and design business for the last 12+ years has reflected this.

My initial love of the industry wasn't the norm. The truth is I dislike gardening and my skills set is very different to a landscaper or garden designer. I am very good at sales, marketing and starting and growing businesses.

For many years I worked in the fitness industry selling. So how did I end up in landscaping? My partner, and now husband, Mike, asked the question: "Can you help me market Aura Landscapes?"

For the past 10 years I have worked alongside Mike as an equal partner in the business, yet I still get asked if I am the designer/planting specialist/HR/Admin/ person or when I tell them I own the business the reply generally is, "oh so you work for Mike then?"

When our company has won awards, it is Mike that gets the recognition and pat on the back. I understand, the workmanship on our projects is fantastic but without a solid business there would be no awards. Dealing with builders' merchants is a case in point, as I find they generally assume that I as a woman doesn't know much, and hence I'm not taken seriously. We are still very much in a male dominated industry, but things are beginning to change.

Many more women are in the industry and running successful businesses. But what is it that we want as women in the industry? I for one would like more respect, and to try and raise the profile of impactful women in the industry. And this is what I am hoping I'll help achieve through The Landscaper's Circle (TLC). I began the TLC in 2016 journey for two reasons:

1. I saw many creative, professional, skilled landscapers

and garden designers working but not being a business owner or treating their business like a business

2. I wanted an income solely as me, as a woman that is creating a ripple in the industry

I basically was fed up of the fact that everyone in this industry who was seen and heard were predominantly men.

It was at an 2016 awards ceremony that the seeds of TLC were first planted. After winning an award Mike was approached by other landscapers asking how he was achieving success and getting these clients. He pointed them in my direction.

So, this was when I decided that I could provide a great service to others in the industry and really support and help them with their businesses. The true value of TLC is often not just through what I can do for others but that it gave me back a sense of purpose. It re-ignited my drive and ambition to help others. It took me from Mum, wife, business owner in the background to becoming a known person in the industry.

I never really understood the just how much stepping into the spotlight and having a voice, through my successful podcast, has impacted on how successfully growing TLC as a business and the opportunities it has brought to light.

Earlier this year I decided to collaborate with Capability Charlotte and launch the campaign Time4Turf. This was a huge step outside of my comfort zone as the topic of artificial grass really does have the industry divided. Usually, I would have avoided any divisive topics, but I chose not to, and I am extremely glad I did.

Stepping past the fear, that is very real for many of us in many situations, has allowed me to achieve so much and I urge you all to do the same. One of my favourite quotes from George Addair is, 'Everything you ever wanted is on the other side of fear', meaning get past your fear, courage is everything.

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100% electric Corvus Terrain EX4

Corvus off-road vehicles has revealed a 100% electric 4x4 utility vehicle. The new Terrain EX4 is an electric 4x4 capable of successfully tackling the toughest working days thanks to its off-road capabilities. The engine is a 13kW AC induction 48V motor that can haul a payload capacity of 620kg and the EX4 has a towing capacity of 755kg in low and 479 kg in high. The cargo box is steel with a 300kg load capacity and there is more space for you and your gear with a front storage boot and convenient under seat storage to keep the essentials handy.

The Terrain EX4 achieves 40km/h/25mph and can be driven on roads, making it ideal for a quiet, non-polluting everyday work vehicle. It offers high load capacity, lower maintenance and high vehicle durability with the precision power needed for smooth or rough terrain. There is a dual power selector for 'Range' and 'Power' which allows the driver to select electronically the right driving mode for the most demanding jobs. With less maintenance and no fuel costs, UTV electric vehicles are significantly more affordable and cost-effective than traditional petrol or diesel-powered vehicles. The 15kW lithium-ion battery on the EX4 is designed for quick and convenient charging.

From the start of its rapid acceleration, the EX4 is whisper-quiet and as an off-road vehicle offers an enjoyable driving experience throughout the working day. With a ground clearance of 309mm and the choice of 4x4 and 4x2 power, even the most difficult



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There are three versions of the Terrain EX4 with a cab and other accessories available. Prices start at £25,499.00 for the EX4 Base EPS, £26,499.00 for the EX4 Pro EPS and £28,499.00 for the EX4 CAB EPS. Colour choice is white, orange or green. Boss Off-road Vehicles Ltd has a dedicated UK Commercial Sales Team and extensive dealer network to assist with the purchase of the vehicle.

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