



BEESTON FIELDS

GREENS NEWSLETTER AT BEESTON FIELDS GOLF CLUB 24/10/2024

So far so good....!

What a difference a year makes. Finally, an average autumn weather wise and long may it last. In October 2023 we had 198mm rainfall, so far this October 54mm. September 2024 was the wettest on record but following a relatively dry summer we were able to manage this with minimal disruption.

Pleasingly this means we are still enjoying 18 holes with little or no disruption. The forecast for the next 14 days is also looking positive, hopefully this will continue throughout the winter.

Not only does this mean you the golfer are able to access the course but so are we. We are still able to maintain all areas with our machinery, allowing us to carry out work we were unable to the previous winters at this time.





We still have issue with worm-casting, please see pics above.

In the previous two winters we were unable to access the course to maintain these areas, this year we are, therefore able to clean surfaces and present better-quality surfaces as below. Please be aware that the clearing of wormcasts and leaves before mowing is necessary but also slows the process. Please have patience and allow the greenkeepers to complete their work.



In addition, we are busy clearing and collecting as many leaves from areas of play as possible. This is a 'Forth Road Bridge' task requiring daily attention. We hope the weather holds until all the trees have dropped their leaves and we are able to continue clearance work. This would be hugely beneficial to the course for the following season.

Despite the drier conditions, we still have shorter days, damper conditions and less drying across the surfaces. We therefore still need to mitigate this by managing traffic to protect certain areas of the course.



As of this week we now have some rope and posts set as well as white lines and signage to direct play, trolleys and buggies away from key areas of play. Please abide by these to help us protect the course through the winter months.



As of next Monday, 28th October we will move to compulsory use of Fairway mats. As of Friday 1st November, we will move onto the winter tees and remove the white tee blocks. All of this helps to protect main playing areas and hopefully with a drier winter we will start next season in a much better position than the previous two.

Many thanks,

Ryun Holden
Course Manager