

Where the grass is always greener



**Greencraft**  
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# MORE WINTER MAINTENANCE TIPS



1. A piece of angle iron with a handle attached about six feet long. A piece of old bedstead angle iron would do the job satisfactorily.

## STRI celebrates 75 years

THIS year STRI celebrates 75 years in the turfgrass industry. To mark the milestone they are planning a programme of events running throughout the year, starting with a celebration launch at this month's BTME/Clubhouse Show in Harrogate.

All four issues of their International Turfgrass Bulletin magazine, along with the STRI's website, will carry special features highlighting key developments and major achievements in the industry from 1929 to present times, alongside the regular editorial.

The October bulletin will be increased in size to act as a commemorative record for the 75th anniversary. Over the years STRI's unique position has enabled close ties to be formed with many eminent individuals and organisations throughout the turfgrass world.

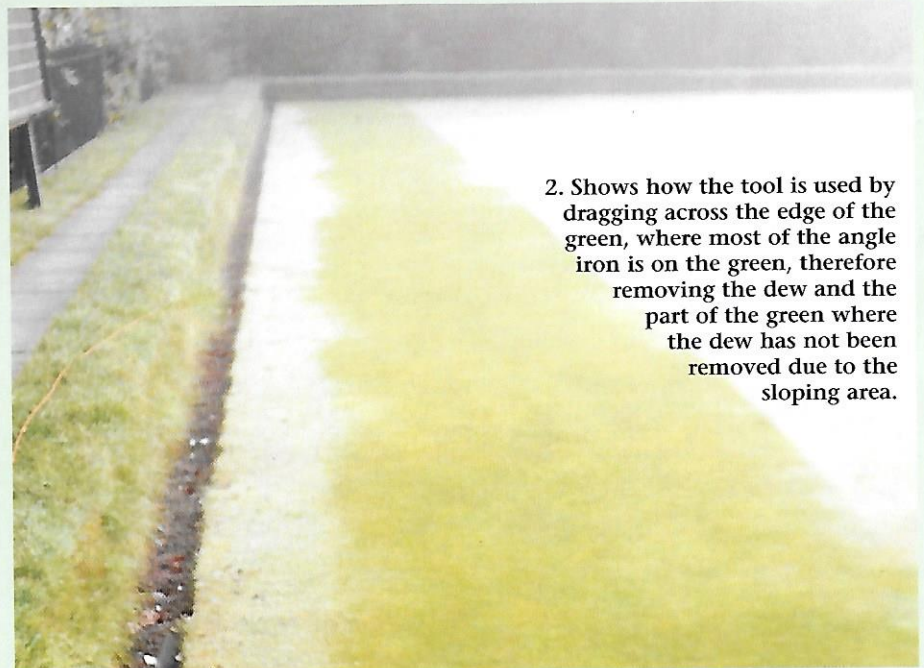
They will be inviting editorial from some of these key players for inclusion in the October issue to reflect the past and future of the sportsturf and amenity sector.

I HAVE received several inquiries recently regarding the sloping edge of the green and how to determine where the slope begins and ends.

To prepare for this turf lifting, the two pictures show how to determine where the treading down of the edge of the green has occurred and how to improvise and make a simple tool for the work.

Using a weak mixture of white emulsion paint - 50-50 with water - and using a one inch paintbrush, mark a line where the dew shadow has been left as indicated in the picture.

**NEXT MONTH:** A step by step guide of how to rectify the problem of sloping edges, including the simple method of ensuring that the turf is laid back from where it was lifted with the base of the turf levelled.



2. Shows how the tool is used by dragging across the edge of the green, where most of the angle iron is on the green, therefore removing the dew and the part of the green where the dew has not been removed due to the sloping area.