

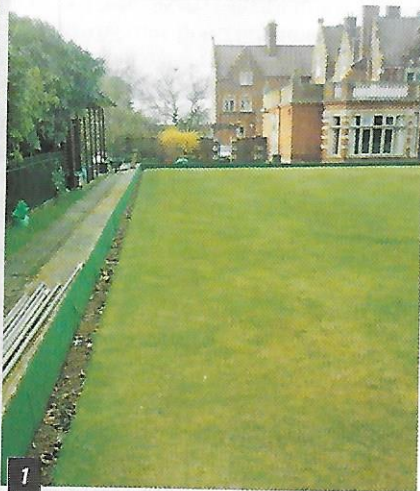


# Greencraft

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## Seeking out leather jacket damage

Our resident greens maintenance expert Dave Bracey offers advice, with the aid of pictures, on how to identify leather jack damage on the green.



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1. The green just prior to the season can look fine from a distance.
2. A closer inspection reveals yellow to white blotches, as leather jackets will be feeding on roots of plants to accumulate food before pupating.
3. Rooks and crows in search of leather jackets wreak havoc with the turf. Damage mainly occurs in early morning.
4. To repair damage, a rotary mower with a bag sucks up the debris. Re-seed with Fescue and apply a light top dressing to the existing levels, rolled lightly and kept moist.
5. One corner to indicate what extent the damage can be just before the season. This is now the beginning of April and seeding must be done immediately to get ready for the new season.



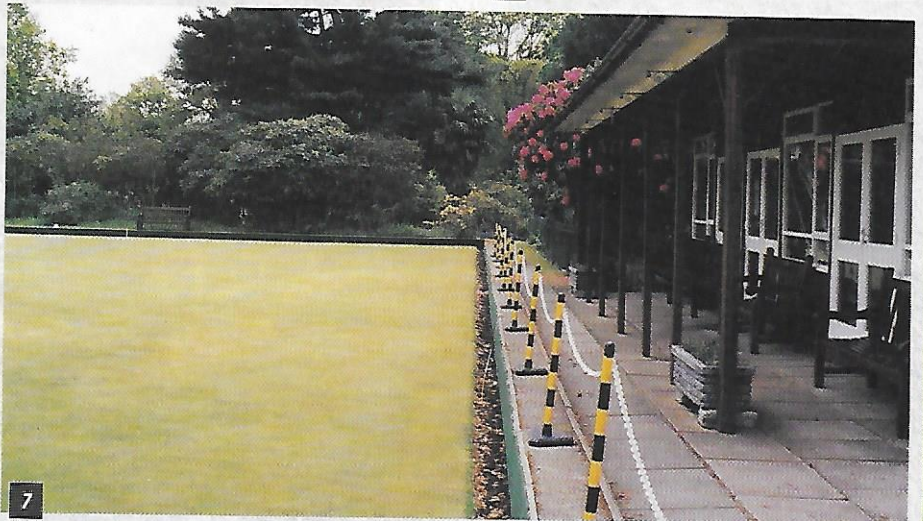
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6. The same corner just two weeks later, having used a Bray-seed slotter on the thin areas.

7. It's April 24, and the green is ready for the new campaign, but I could have done without the trouble. At the end of the season use Lors-ban T by Rigby-Taylor as recommended.



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