



# CESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF GROUNDSMEN

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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2016

### **Training Courses**

#### **Foundation B**

A Foundation B Course has been arranged for **Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at Bramhall Cricket.**

It is an all-day practical course starting at 9.00 am with refreshments and lunch provided. The cost is £20 per person for affiliated clubs to cover the food and drink. Since it is mainly practical outdoor clothing and footwear are essential.

The course syllabus is shown below:-

#### **FOUNDATION, PART B, AUTUMN RENOVATION AND WINTER MAINTENANCE – ONE DAY**

Definition of surface  
Assessment of surface  
Safe Working practices  
Scarification  
Aeration  
Repairs and renovation  
Overseeding  
Top dressing  
Fertiliser application  
Care of outfield  
Maintaining non turf surfaces

**Please note that numbers are restricted to 10 people and only 1 candidate per club.**

#### **Intermediate and Advanced**

This 2 day course will not be organised this year unless there is a show of interest from member. Candidates need to have attended the Foundation A and Foundation B Course. Unfortunately the Cheshire Association of Groundsmen can no longer subsidise these Courses, so clubs or candidates must pay the full cost of approximately £160 per day.

#### ***INTERMEDIATE, INTRODUCTION TO THE THEORY – ONE DAY***

*Definition of surface*  
*Assessment of surface*  
*Safe Working practice*  
*Soils*  
*Basic Turf grass Identification*

*Nutrients*  
*Fertilisers*  
*Pests, diseases, moss and weeds*  
*New development*

***ADVANCED, ADVANCED THEORY OF TURF CULTURE – ONE DAY***

*Soils*  
*Drainage*  
*Grasses*  
*Fertilisers*  
*Managing Nutrients levels*  
*Integrated Pest Management*  
*Performance Quality Standards*

To book any of these courses contact  
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**Annual General Meeting**

The CAG Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Timperley Cricket Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm.**

Please put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend this very important event.

**Pitch Advisors**

For any advice on your cricket square or outfield please contact our pitch advisors Nick James (mobile 07808723110) or Paul Agar (mobile 07801300614). Their services are free and Cheshire is fortunate to have 2 of the best. They are also fully certified to provide a spraying service at competitive rates.

**Outreach Program**

Cheshire Association of Groundsmen is still offering a free survey of your club's square with advice on a program to improve it. If any club wishes to partake please contact one of the pitch advisors or myself.

**Website**

There is now a link to an excellent ECB website all groundsmen should have a look at.

**Autumn Renovation**

If you haven't already ordered your materials for your Autumn renovation work the CAG has received a list of packages available from Aitkins Sportsturf via their representative James Daley mobile 07715665.



## CRICKET CLUB PACKAGES 2016

### 40 Bag Loam Package

40 x 25Kg Ongar Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£430**

40 x 25Kg Club Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£415**

40 x 25Kg County Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£430**

### 60 Bag Loam Package

60 x 25Kg Ongar Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£510**

60 x 25Kg Club Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£485**

60 x 25Kg County Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£515**

### 80 Bag Loam Package

80 x 25Kg Ongar Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£595**

80 x 25Kg Club Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£560**

80 x 25Kg County Loam  
6 x 20Kg Nutri-Pro Fertiliser  
1 x 20Kg Blade 8 Grass Seed  
**£600**

All prices are delivered and are subject to VAT at the standard rate with the exception of the grass seed which is zero rated

We recommend clubs to negotiate with any supplier to obtain the best deal.

### Roller Servicing

Powerroll are offering a roller service before the winter sets in, for more information contact [sales@powerroll.com](mailto:sales@powerroll.com) or phone 01822 832608.