



SPRING CONFERENCE 2026

The Greener Golf Network are thrilled to invite you to our 6th Annual Conference on 17 February 2026, at Ullesthorpe Court Golf Club.

We're delighted to be joined by a host of guest speakers covering a variety of topics, including the important and currently hot topic of WATER and imminent future restrictions by water companies on golf clubs. The day will include some interactive discussions, be open to questions and welcome any input from the audience:

Professor Jacob Tompkins, who spoke to us in 2024, has kindly accepted our invitation to speak once again, on the challenges golf clubs face relating to water sourcing. He has over 30 years experience in the water sector. Jacob is the Director of Ecoprod; he was the water lead at the National Farmers Union, head of water at Water UK, and founder of the water efficiency NGO Waterwise. He has a number of present roles, and has been heavily involved in water policy at UK and European level. He is a visiting professor at Exeter University and has an OBE for services to water.

Jim Oswald, Energy Consultant and Golfer, is closely involved at Cosby GC, advising on innovations in energy generation and conservation as part of the club's Ecology and Sustainability Roadmap. He will be presenting on his work and challenges on the course.

Dr Hannah Sellers, Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust Lead Ecologist in a Nature Recovery Pilot Project partnership between LRWT and 13 member golf clubs. This project is the first of its kind in the UK. Hannah will lead on a discussion with reps/colleagues from the clubs involved, and focus on the work done so far and plans for the partnership going forward.

James Hutchinson, Sustainability Executive, BIGGA. James started his career greenkeeping, gained a BSc (hons) in turf science, and has advised on courses from St Andrews to Windsor Castle and abroad. James will speak on the importance of woodlands, their management and why there are so many ancient trees on UK golf courses

A programme of the day is attached, along with a flyer for you to display at your club and send out by email to your fellow members. Anyone with an interest is welcome.

As with last year's event, there will be a charge per person, which has increased slightly to £15 per person, to help support the cost of the buffet lunch, refreshments and room hire.

To register for the conference, please email janethb@hotmail.co.uk with your name, golf club, number of attendees, and arrange a bank transfer to:

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Please include the reference GG followed by your initials e.g. for John Smith 'Ref: GGJS'

We do hope you can join us, and very much look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Bob Roberts, Market Harborough GC
Janet Hartley Byng, Ullesthorpe GC
Peter Hartley, Cockermouth GC
Jim Jacobs, Market Harborough GC
Pam Rogerson, Market Harborough GC

We are very pleased to announce that the conference is supported financially by Calum Cameron. Calum has supported the Greener Golf Network for several years and has promised his continued support.