

KNIGHTON HEATH

5 YEAR

FORESTRY PLAN

Submitted by Chairman of Greens

Approved by Management Committee

Note: Any questions arising from this plan should be addressed, in writing, to our club manager – Reunert Bauser .

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the work that is needed to be carried out on the woodland at Knighton heath golf club over the next five years.

Note: A full 5 year course improvement plan is in the process of being prepared for submission to the management committee for approval and will be made available to members when this process has been completed.

We have started a maintenance program on the woodland to promote a healthy wood that will last for years.

To do this we need to thin out and prune up the existing trees and replant where needed with native species for a heathland environment.

A woodland project such as ours not only needs to look short term but also long term to make sure that the course is in good shape for the following generations.

We need to plan now for the longevity of the course which will in turn ensure a healthy future for the club and its members.

In some areas we need to do this as the woodland has not been maintained.

The work that we are carrying out now is not only for this year but for the future of the club.

As a part of the woodland maintenance we will be able to turn areas back to heathland by stripping the humus layer back to the mineral soil and introducing heather seeds to these areas.

This in turn will keep the character of **KNIGHTON HEATH GOLF CLUB**.

The new trees that you have seen planted and the ones that we will plant soon, we harvest from the golf course saving money.

Reasons why.....

Pruning lower branches.

Raise the canopy.

Remove dead and dangerous branches.

Allows light and air flow over the course. (To aid the health of the grass)

Helps maintain the heather on the course.

Thinning out of trees.

To maintain the health of the trees.

Remove dead and dangerous trees.

Remove unwanted tree species not in keeping with a heathland golf course.

Examples Conifers, Monterey pines and White Beam

To stop interference on play by tree ingress.

Allows light and air flow around the course.

To regenerate heather areas.

Planting of new trees.

To keep the character of the course.

For safety reasons.

To keep our boundary protected.

To be able to remove unwanted trees once the new trees are established.

To introduce correct species for a heathland golf course. Example of this would be Scots pines and Birch.

What follows is a hole by hole list of the short term work that we will try to complete over the next five years.

Anything marked in red has already been completed.

1st Hole

To prune up all the tree right of the hole.

Remove conifers at the back left of the green.

Under plant the pines back right of the green with Scots pines.

Replant areas along the left of the hole.

Replant a small copse by ball shoot.

To under plant the large trees right of the fairway.

2nd Hole

To prune up the trees left and right of the fairway.

Thin out the wood left of the fairway.

Under plant Monterey pines left of the fairway.

3rd Hole

Prune up and thin out both side of the hole.

Thin out wood behind the green.

4th Hole

Prune up and thin out right of the fairway.

Thin out the trees left of the men's tee.

Thin out the Birch trees back left of the green.

5th Hole

Thin out the wood left and right of the men's and ladies tees.

Prune up the Scots pines left of the fairway.

Thin out and push back the tree line right of the fairway.

6th Hole

Prune up and thin out the trees left and right of the fairway.

Thin out the Birch and Rowan that the second shots are played over.

7th Hole

Under plant the Monterey pines by the sixth green.

Thin out Scots, Birch and Oak left of the fairway

Thin out and prune the Scots copse in front of the green.

8th Hole

Thin out the trees blocking the tee shots on the left.

Prune up the Scots left and right of the fairway also the Oaks between the 8th and 9th holes.

Remove the large Oak at the front right of the green.

Thin out the wood left and right of the green.

9th Hole

Prune up the Scots right of the fairway.

Plant Scots to stop balls going into the houses.

Under plant the big Monterey pines by the houses.

Plant on the Right of the slope to protect the 8th tee with Scots pines.

10th Hole

Thin out the trees right of the men's and ladies tee.

Prune up and thin out trees along the left and right of the fairway.

Plant behind the shrubs behind the green with Scots pines.

Plant Scots pines alongside the bridleway.

11th Hole

Prune up and thin out left of the hole.

12th Hole

Thin out trees left of the tee.

Remove Birch trees by the pond.

Prune up and thin out the trees left and right of the fairway.

Thin out the Oaks behind the green.

13th Hole

Under plant around the boundary with Scots pines.

14th Hole

Thin out the trees between the 14th and 15th tees.

Under plant Monterey pines with Scots pines behind the green.

Remove Monterey pines back right behind the green.

15th Hole

Under plant the all along the boundary with Scots pines.

Prune up and thin out trees right of the fairway.

Plant Scots pines to protect the 16th green from tee shots.

16th Hole

Thin out the wood left of the tee.

Prune up and thin out the trees left and right of the fairway.

Plant Scots pines by the Beach trees.

Thin out the Beach trees.

Remove Oak behind the green.

Under plant the Monterey pines left of the carry.

Replant around boundary with Scots Pines.

17th Hole

Thin out and prune up trees left and right of the hole.

Replant in the left rough.

18th Hole

Thin out the trees left of the tee.

Prune up the Scots pine right of the path.

Replant this area with Scots pines.

Remove the conifers at the back of the green.

Drive in / car park

Remove Oaks and shrub to allow sight of the 18th tee when leaving the course.

Remove Conifers at the end of the car park and replant with Scots pines.