

Animal Damage

Unfortunately, we have suffered from widespread damage caused by chafer grubs and subsequently crows.

There is damage on most holes, some of which is out of play but there nonetheless. Fortunately, our greens and closer surrounds remain untouched however damage is very much noticeable on holes 1, 5, 8, 11 & 12 with the latter 2 also struggling to recover from the dry summer.

Please take relief from these areas under Rule 16 of the Rules of Golf by taking COMPLETE RELIEF from the abnormal course condition by taking a drop without penalty within 1 club length at the nearest point no closer to the hole.

What can or are we doing?

Unfortunately, all the effective pesticides to manage chafer grubs are no longer available to a UK market.

Those that remain have less than 50% efficacy, are strictly limited to when and how often you can apply them and are prohibitively expensive.

We are trying to manage the crow population, however a large migratory presence does live in Laughton Wood and comes over regularly. You may notice pest controllers on the course in the early morning or just before dusk.

As for the damage caused, there remains grubs in the ground of the affected areas and whilst we have managed to reseed important areas like tees etc, repeat damage is occurring so we are slowly making our way around the course raking up the dead matter and we will be reseeding when the weather allows.