

The Amateur Championship Pre-Qualifying & Qualifying Rounds West Lancashire Golf Club | 12-16 June 2026

Course Manager

Stuart Hogg, MG

- Years at West Lancashire: 11
- Years as a Course Manager/Head Greenkeeper: 31
- Previous Courses: St Annes Old Links GC, Fortrose & Rosemarkie GC, West Kilbride GC
- Hometown: Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland
- Education: Level 4, Master Greenkeeper
- Professional Tournaments Hosted: Final Qualifying 4 times, Regional Qualifying 6 times, and Numerous R&A amateur events.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

- Deputy Course Manager: Peter Cotgreave
- Senior Greenkeeper: David Owens
- Greenkeepers: Andrew Sciarrini, Lewis Mayles, Craig McKenna, Richard Drake, Peter Evans
- Technician: Arran Leach

Agronomy Employees: 8

Tournament Volunteers: 2

Course Architect

James Braid 1921, Ken Cotton early 1960's

Tournament Set-Up

- Par: 72
- Yardage: 7,016

Turfgrass

- Tees: Fescue / Rye / Poa 8mm -10mm
- Greens: Bent / Fescue / Poa 3.8mm - 4.5mm
- Approaches: Fescue / Rye / Poa 9mm - 12mm
- Fairways: Fescue / Rye 10mm - 14mm
- Rough: Fescue / Rye 100mm

Course Statistics

- Average Green Size: 350m² to 650m² with a total size of 1.25Ha
- Total Property Hectares: 94
- Hectares of Fairway: 10
- Hectares of Rough: 5Ha of cut / managed rough with extensive areas of un-managed areas left to nature
- Number of Sand Bunkers: 77
- Number of Water Hazards: 4
- Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1 (on the 18th hole)
- Soil conditions: Sand / Loam
- Water sources: Borehole 31,000m³ per year plus rainfall

Notable

- The course was first opened in 1873 with renovations happening in 1921 and the early 1960's.
- The course is currently going through changes (all done in-house except for digger driver) which started in the winter of 2025, interpreting the plans of MacKenzie & Ebert. 11/18 changes to holes in 2025-26 winter. They plan to complete this renovation over the next 4-5 years, all in house.
- The last 3 years of rainfall has pushed average rainfall up to 740mm/year.
- Been GEO certified since 2017.
- They have been given their 5th year of holding Final Qualifying in 2027.