BIGGA
British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association

Tournament Factsheet

BIGGA National Championship

Trevose Golf & Country Club | November 16-17 2026

Course Manager

Neil Ivamy

- Years at Trevose: 17
- Years as Course Manager: 11
- Previous Courses: Mawgan Porth Golf Club
- Education: NVQ level 5 in Golf Course Management
- Professional Tournaments Previously Hosted: European legends tour 2019, 2021, 2022

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

- Deputy Course Manager: Alex Graham Brown

Agronomy Employees: 14

Course Architect

Harry Colt in 1925

Renovations: Tom Mackenzie of Mackenzie & Ebert 2015-2026

Tournament Set-Up

- Par (Men): 72
- Yardage (Men): 6,491
- Par (Women): 72
- Yardage (Women): 5,782

Turfgrass

- Greens: Fescue poa 4.5 mm
- Collars: Fescue, bent, poa 8mm
- Approaches: Fescue, bent, poa 8mm
- Tees: Rye fescue 8mm
- Fairways: Fescue 10mm
- Semi Rough: Fescue, rye 50mm

Course Statistics

- Average Green Size: 650m^2
- Total Property Acres: 248
- Acres of Fairway: 25
- Number of Sand Bunkers: 72
- Number of Water Hazards: Open ditches throughout the course
- Number of holes water is in play: 8
- Soil composition: Predominantly free draining sandy soils
- Water sources: Abstraction licence from river and borehole

Notable

- Trevose Golf & Country Club Trevose is a traditional Harry Colt-designed championship links, situated on the exposed North Cornwall coastline overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.
- The course celebrated its centenary in 2025 and is renowned for its natural links characteristics, undulating terrain, strategic bunkering and ever-changing coastal conditions.
- The prolonged drought conditions experienced this year have presented significant challenges for the greenkeeping team, particularly in managing moisture levels, maintaining turf health and balancing course presentation with the natural firm and fast characteristics of links golf. The exposed coastal location also brings the challenges of strong winds, salt spray and rapidly changing weather conditions.
- One of the most significant recent projects has been the reconstruction of the 5th green and surrounding areas, completed last year and brought into play in April 2026. This has been an exciting development for the course, improving the hole while complementing the natural links landscape.
- A major investment in irrigation was also completed last winter, with a new system designed and installed by Ocmis. The system provides full back-to-back sprinkler coverage across the greens and surrounds, allowing much greater control and precision when

managing moisture levels. This has been particularly valuable during the prolonged dry conditions experienced this year.

- The greenkeeping team operates a mixed machinery fleet, predominantly John Deere equipment, alongside Toro ProCore aerators and a Toro sprayer. This combination supports the team's year-round maintenance programme, from routine mowing and turf management to aeration and targeted applications.
- Maintaining the natural links character of Trevose is central to the team's approach. The improved irrigation coverage enables more targeted water application, while ongoing turf management focuses on encouraging healthy, resilient playing surfaces suited to the exposed coastal environment.
- Hosting the BIGGA Nationals in November presents a fantastic opportunity to showcase the course and the work undertaken by the greenkeeping team. With shorter daylight hours, increased rainfall and the potential for strong Atlantic weather systems, preparation will focus on achieving consistent playing conditions while protecting the long-term health of the course. We look forward to welcoming fellow greenkeepers from across the country to Trevose and sharing the unique challenges and rewards of maintaining a championship links on the North Cornwall coast.