

Scottish Golf Environment Group



Providing free environmental advisory services to Scottish golf clubs

The key asset of any golf club is the golf course itself, so it is vital that this is of the highest possible quality to retain and attract members and visitors. In addition to quality playing surfaces, issues such as nature conservation and enhancement, landscape and cultural heritage, climate change, sustainable turf management, water resource management and pollution prevention all need to be considered.

Clubhouses, maintenance facilities and professional shops are all areas where significant cost savings can be achieved through water and waste management and energy efficiency.

Addressing **environmental** issues in conjunction with making your golf facility **economically efficient** and **socially inclusive** will enable you to **sustainably manage your business**.

How can we help?

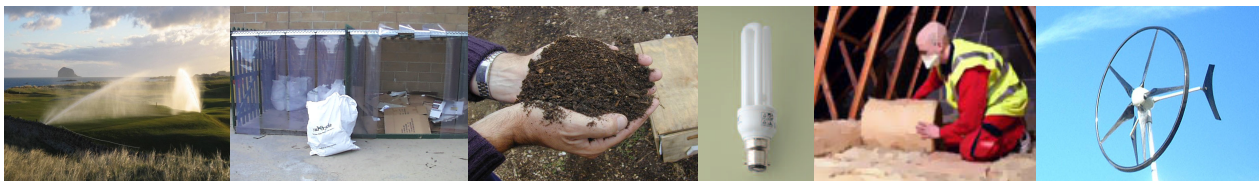
The Scottish Golf Environment Group (SGEG), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Scottish Golf Union (SGU), can help you address your environmental issues. We are funded by the SGU, The R&A and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and further supported by many more key national golfing and environmental partners.



We give free best practice and legislation advice on managing and creating habitats and landscape features such as coastal links, grasslands, woodlands, wetlands, ponds and heathland.



We give free advice on nature surveys and protecting and providing habitats for flora and fauna species, environmental training and integrated management planning.



We also give free advice on water management, waste reduction and energy efficiency. We can help clubs obtain specialist audits (some free of charge) and we promote green technologies such as recycled products and renewable energy sources. We can assist with developing practical projects and have information on grants and sources of project funding along with advice for new golf developments and course extensions. Clubs can gain recognition for their environmental management practices through the Scottish Golf Environment Certificates scheme.

STAGE 1 - Advice

Introductory site visits - advice and Summary Environmental Reports (SERs) on existing habitats, management practices, legislation and recommendations for improvements and cost savings



STAGE 2 - Implementation

Follow up visits - assisting clubs to implement improvement projects, assisting with habitat, species and landscape surveys, sustainable drainage, waste, water and energy audits, grants and environmental training



STAGE 3 - Planning

Assistance in preparing a Club Environmental Policy and an Integrated Management Plan



STAGE 4 - Recognition

Scottish Golf Environment Certificates

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