

### Additions to the TOPSOIL sales team



From left: Andy Spetch, Samantha Hodge, Natalie Gudgin, Bethany Blakemore, Grace Townsend and Kim Campton.

National TOPSOIL Manager Andy Spetch, Sales Managers Samantha Hodge, Natalie Gudgin, Grace Townsend, and Kim Campton- all ably assisted by our new intern Bethany Blakemore. The team are just a phone call or email away, ready to advise and quote on our range of TOPSOIL products.

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### Bags of Support for Perennial

British Sugar TOPSOIL adopted Perennial as their nominated charity between September 2019– September 2020. A cheque to the value of £3,029 was presented to Perennial at their Fullers Mill garden. This will go towards helping more individuals and families in the horticulture sector who face challenging, often life-changing, events.

The partnering agreement was signed by National TOPSOIL Manager Andy Spetch and Perennial's Corporate Partnership Manager Phil Swainston.

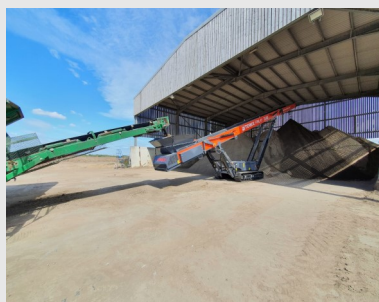


TOPSOILs adopted charity for the next 12 months will be HighGround. HighGround strives to improve the wellbeing and employment prospects of serving military personnel and veterans, using the green environment.

### Cantley Conveyor

In March 2020 British Sugar TOPSOIL Cantley took delivery of a new Terex Finlay TC 65 tracked conveyor.

This investment will enable us to increase the tonnage we can store in the purpose built TOPSOIL store to maintain supply to our valued customers.



### Northwood Golf Course video

In late September we visited Northwood golf course and with the help of Wes Walker shot a new video showing how he has used our TOPSOIL products.

To see the video please visit our website home page where there is a link to the full video.



## Caring for your Garden Guide

We have produced a helpful guide on caring for your garden with lots of information from common mistakes with newly imported and placed topsoil, to helpful tips on keeping your garden healthy.

The guide is available to download for free from our website, in the technical support area, along with lots of other useful guides and information.

### Caring for your garden

How successful your lawns and planting borders will be year after year is largely dependent on keeping the soil in your garden healthy. This means making sure that it contains enough air and nutrients and that water (rainfall and irrigation) can move freely through it.



#### Common issues with newly imported and placed soil

**Compaction.** This is where the spaces between the soil particles become compacted, resulting in a lack of air in the soil, slow drainage, potential waterlogging, and plant deaths.

- Causes:**
- Heavy trafficking by site machinery, vehicles and people
  - Heavy rainfall
  - The over-application of surface mulch (such as bark, woodchip, slate etc.)

**Remedy:** Break up and shatter the compacted layer\* manually with a garden fork, or aerate with a spike or plug aerator. \*To find the depth of a compacted layer simply push a probe or garden fork into the soil/turf until resistance is encountered.



Compacted soil



Manually aerating the soil with a garden fork



De-compacting soil under turf

**Natural settlement.** It is common for soil to experience a degree of settlement after it has been placed and cultivated.

- Causes:**
- The soil has been insufficiently consolidated or 'firmed down' after placing
  - Where drainage has been installed, these areas can dry out more quickly, causing the soil to shrink and slump

### Bourne Hill stables

Bourne Hill Stables in Horsham is home to top International showjumper Jane Annett and her partner Roland Standley. Following a major redevelopment of the grounds it is now one of the UK's most exclusive equestrian developments.

The design of the new outdoor show jumping arena used 4,000 tonnes of British Sugar TOPSOIL's *Landscape20* topsoil instead of sand to allow for natural nutrient retention, surface stability and moisture retention. Installation of a bypass drainage system connecting the surface to the gravel raft underneath allows the surface to drain.

Roland Standley, Bourne Hill Stables' managing director, said: "We were very happy with the product and service we received from British Sugar TOPSOIL. The product was consistent and we and the consultants are very happy with its nutrient holding capability and general manageability."



### Ely Golf Ltd

Ely Golf Ltd have used 290 tonnes of British Sugar TOPSOIL's *Landscape20* to construct new bunker surrounds and create a largely stone-free bunker edge prior to turfing.

Mark Ely, principal at Ely Golf, selected *Landscape20* for its shape-holding properties and low stone content: "The soil is easy to work with and compact, which is helpful when shaping the bunker edge, and the absence of larger stones is important to create a smooth surface for turfing."

The team at British Sugar TOPSOIL have provided an efficient service with deliveries by articulated lorries arriving within a couple of days of ordering. I look forward to working with British Sugar TOPSOIL on future projects."



More information on TOPSOIL can be found at:

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