



## “New Beginnings”

### TOPSOIL will say goodbye to Andy Spetch in April

After 36 years at British Sugar, National TOPSOIL Manager Andy Spetch will be retiring to spend more time with his family and friends.

We offer our heartfelt appreciation, not only for making the Topsoil division what it is today but also for all his work after 36 years at British Sugar.

He joined as an agricultural trainee in 1987 and worked as an agronomist for the company in the UK and Poland before starting up British Sugar’s topsoil division in 1997. Working closely with soil scientist Tim O’Hare, with whom he has continued to work to develop products and stringent testing and analysis protocols, Spetch developed a range of products for the construction, landscaping, and sports amenity markets.

Andy and his wife Jane will be embarking on a 700-mile road trip later this year in support of Motor Neurone Disease from their home near Bury, following the River Rhine through Europe and into Switzerland. If you would like to donate to this great cause, click the link here:

[www.justgiving.com/page/andrew-spetch-1673869582965](http://www.justgiving.com/page/andrew-spetch-1673869582965)

Senior TOPSOIL manager Natalie Gudgin, who joined British Sugar in 2009 and who has worked closely with Spetch in managing the topsoil sales team, will take on the strategic sales role. Overall responsibility for production, testing and analysis will rest with the topsoil production managers.

All the very best to Andy on his retirement and congratulations to Natalie in her new role.



## BTME 2023

Our team headed to the Harrogate Convention Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> January for this year’s BIGGA exhibition, BTME.

We showcased our products: Sports & Turf, Sports10 and Landscape20.

It was great to see all the new and exciting technologies and products that have been developed and opportunities this presents for the golf industry.

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# Dowling Civil Engineering



Dowling Civil Engineering Ltd has been supporting some of the country's largest construction companies with groundworks and civil engineering services since it was established in 1999. Its highly trained and dedicated workforce delivers quality workmanship, on time, and to specification, across Lincolnshire, the East Midlands and beyond.

The redevelopment of a former brownfield site at Beevor Street, to the southwest of Lincoln city centre and adjacent to the University of Lincoln's main campus, includes new offices and car parking. Working for the main contractor, Dowling Civil Engineering selected British Sugar TOPSOIL's Landscape20 BS3882:2015-compliant general purpose topsoil for the car park planting beds and to remediate areas where asbestos had been present.

The topsoil was delivered in 20 tonne loads on 8-wheeled tipper lorries between late September 2022 and January 2023 and spread to a depth of 300mm over a geotextile membrane. The beds have now been planted with shrubs and mulched to restrict weed growth.

Dowling Civil Engineering's site manager, Craig Sinclair, said: "We have received quality service and top-quality topsoil from British Sugar TOPSOIL and I would definitely recommend this supplier."

## Milton Golf Club

Milton Golf Club have been using our Sports&Turf since 2018. The 16<sup>th</sup> century Grade I Listed home of the Fitzwilliam family, is the largest private house in Cambridgeshire and the surrounding estate is home to Milton Golf Club, which boasts a par 71 parkland course.

Many holes are played in full view of the beautiful house, with Lake Temptation on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes and strategically planted mature trees across the course providing golfers with plenty of challenge

Head Greenkeeper Steve Smail has been at Peterborough Milton since 2016 and has over 31 years greenkeeping experience. Sales Manager, Kim Campton went to visit the course. Even after heavy downpour, it was great to see how well the Sports&Turf constructed Tee's were looking.

"British Sugar TOPSOIL *Sports&Turf* is far the best product I have used in my years as a greenkeeper and I am delighted with how easy it is to use. The drainage and percolation rate it gives is second to none"- Steve Smail



## Cranfield University Update

A year-long scientific study into the amount of soil microbiology in TOPSOIL products has resulted in data, that will assist product development and help customers to understand more about the health of the products we supply. To read the results, please go to our website here:


<https://www.bstopsoil.co.uk/about-topsoil/soil-health-3>

## Upcoming Events:

- **NHBC Building for Tomorrow-** London- 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 & Coventry- 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- **GMA Groundsweek-** 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **BALI Tour of British Sugar TOPSOIL at Newark-** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- **GMA Course with the Huntingdonshire & Bedfordshire FA-** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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