



Wyevale News

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New Chairman & Managing Director



On the 1 September 2003 David Brew took up the position of Managing Director. Paul Haworth, who becomes Chairman, has been Managing Director since 1986. David joined the Company in 1994 as an Assistant Contract Manager and has steadily worked his way up. David completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Amenity Horticulture prior to joining the Company and studied part-time between 1997 & 1999 and achieved a Masters in Business Administration (MBA).

In 1999, following a Company re-organisation, when the Company was split into two divisions, David was appointed Contracts Director for the Grounds Maintenance Division. David said of the recent appointment "This is an exciting and challenging position, but I am ready to give it my best". See Page 2 for question and answer time with David.

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Isle of Wight Contract

We have gradually grown our presence on the island culminating in the award of the integrated contract, which started in 2002. We commenced working for the Isle of Wight Council in 1995, when we took over the Eastern Schools contract. This was followed in 1997 by the award of the Highway Weed Control Contract, which covers the maintenance of all adopted hard surfaces on the island. The Island contract is the company's largest contract and runs until 31 December 2007 with an option to extend until 31 December 2009. **Ten facts about this Contract:**

1. We maintain all adopted highway grass verges across the island. We also treat all adopted hard surfaces to control weeds, which stretches over 700km, the equivalent of Portsmouth to Edinburgh.
2. We maintain all council owned cemeteries and undertake virtually all the burial duties on the island.
3. We maintain 11 principal parks and gardens, which, during the summer are very busy with tourists.
4. We have 14 vans, 7 ride-on mowers, 4 fine turf mowers, 9 pedestrian mowers, 28 strimmers, 10 hedge trimmers, 13 blowers, 2 diggers, tractor & gangs and numerous other small items of plant, all purchased new, for the start of the contract.



5. During peak work periods we have in excess of 30 ground maintenance operatives.
6. We operate from one central depot, roughly in the middle of the island, near Newport and have 8 other storage sites across the island within Parks and Cemeteries
7. Some of the more unusual items of maintenance include two aviaries, feeding ducks and maintenance along the edges of cliff tops.
8. We have 6 grounds maintenance operatives who have been trained to the COTS standard for undertaking burial duties.
9. We undertake quartering to highway verges - this may sound dangerous but in fact it's back edging to grass.
10. The quickest way across to the island is via the Hovercraft - 10 minutes from Southsea in Portsmouth, but if you want to take your car it's 30 or 45 minutes depending on whether you go from Lyminster or Portsmouth.