

 **Grounds Association**

**Pitch Advisors October Blog**

 **October Optimism**

All sorts of autumn renovations are being carried out this September/October window and many will be governed by financial restraint. Probably and in pecking order I would suggest: -

1. Scarification (possibly in two directions, but never at right angles).
2. Solid tine to 4” depth.
3. Autumn/winter fertiliser (NPK ratio of 3-6-8 + Fe).
4. Seed and loam top-dress. Finally drag mat from midwicket to cover.

First cut the existing or new growth of grass at between 12-15ml with a sharp rotary mower.

Solid tine after the first cut and ideally repeat 3 or 4 times throughout the winter period but not after early February and only when conditions allow,

Have a splayed plastic rake at the ready for what I consider will be a record leaf fall this year, keeping the square clear and a watchful eye on gullies, culverts and drainage outlets.

**Goods Available**

An 8 ‘ x 4’ *Indespension* trailer, virtually brand new with loading ramp. The trailer is fully galvanised, has a single axle with a payload of 750Kg, **£1250**

PVC marking out frame as used and designed by me, Paul Tatton

8’ steel straight edge with handle for extensions and re-marking

I think that we need a crystal ball to know what’s in store for us all come the 2021 cricket season so my message to all ground staff is –

**Stay safe this winter**