

Lawn damage & Divot repair

We must take care of our courts when playing and it is incumbent on all who do such damage to repair it immediately. Failure to do so leads to dead grass and uneven surfaces which will detract from the quality of play and enjoyment for all.

This is an issue all year round but can be particularly problematic after heavy rains and with high groundwater levels that make the court surface relatively soft and especially vulnerable.



Divot repair tools are available in the croquet pavilion. Please help yourself to one and carry it with you at all times while playing.

If you are unfamiliar with how to best repair damage, please look at this video showing divot repair method available by kind permission of Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifVVEW_wDGc

Damage can occur during any stroke such as jump-shots, hampered strokes, and often unwittingly by allowing the mallet head to hit the ground when it swings back after stroke follow through.

If damage to the court surface before repair can affect a subsequent stroke it is a fault with appropriate penalty. Guidance about surface damage can be found in Appendix 5 paragraph 3 of the Golf Croquet rules at this link:

<https://www.croquet.org.uk/?p=/games/golf/rules/gcRules6th&pup=y#rule:11.2.10>

