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Press release

**BIGGA Approved as Lantra Customised Provider with Kickstart
Programme Gaining Accreditation**

The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA) is proud to announce that it has been formally approved as a **Lantra Customised Provider**, marking a significant milestone in the Association's ongoing commitment to raising standards, professionalism, and access to high-quality education across the golf greenkeeping industry. This approval recognises BIGGA's capability to design, deliver and quality-assure industry-relevant learning that meets nationally recognised standards.

As a Lantra Customised Provider, BIGGA is now approved to develop and deliver **bespoke, accredited training and awards** that are tailored specifically to the needs of the golf and sports turf sector. This status ensures that BIGGA programmes are externally validated, quality assured and aligned with employer and industry expectations, providing learners and employers with confidence that training outcomes are meaningful, credible, and transferable.

The approval also sees the **BIGGA Kickstart Programme** formally recognised as the association's **first accredited and approved award** under the Lantra Customised Awards framework.

This entry-level programme has been designed as an accessible and supportive introduction to the fundamentals of golf course maintenance. It provides essential knowledge and practical understanding for those interested in pursuing a career in greenkeeping, as well as those already working in the industry who wish to validate their skills and knowledge before potentially progressing to formal Level 2 qualifications.

Rob Phillips, Learning & Development Manager (Technical) at BIGGA, said:

“Becoming an approved Lantra Customised Provider is a significant milestone for BIGGA and represents the latest step in our continued and highly valued partnership with Lantra. This approval gives us the ability to formally accredit BIGGA-designed programmes that are shaped by the realities of modern golf course management and the needs of both learners and employers. The accreditation of the BIGGA Kickstart Programme is particularly important, as it provides a recognised and credible entry point into the profession, while laying the foundations for clear progression through to apprenticeships and our recommended formal education pathway.”

David Fisher, Head of Industry Partnerships for Landscape and Rural, from Lantra added: “As part of our wider partnership working, we are really pleased to confirm BIGGA has been approved as a Lantra Customised Provider.

“The accreditation of the BIGGA Kickstart Programme is an exciting step forward, as it provides a recognised and credible entry point into the profession, providing a Lantra approved certificate for progression through to apprenticeships and further Lantra/ BIGGA approved training and qualifications.

Notes to editors

About BIGGA: The British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association is Europe’s largest membership organisation for golf greenkeepers. Today BIGGA has over 6,000 greenkeepers and turf professionals as members.

BIGGA is dedicated to the continuing professional development of its members, and in serving their needs will strive through education and training for standards of excellence in golf course management throughout the greenkeeping profession.

BIGGA hosts the BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition and associated Continue to Learn education programme each January.

High-resolution images: High-resolution images of golf courses, greenkeeping activities and BIGGA events are available upon request.

Interview opportunities: BIGGA is pleased to offer interview opportunities with association representatives and, on occasion, expert greenkeepers. If you require quotes, insights or in-depth discussions, please contact our media team to schedule an interview.

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