



BATTERSBY
SPORTS GROUND SUPPLIES

FOOTBALL

Ground Preparation 12 Month Calendar

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ABOUT BATTERSBY

Our history is in your roots.



BATTERSBY as a brand has been trading for over 180 years.

Supplying Sports Grounds from Gardens, Amateur Grassroots to Iconic International venues throughout England and the UK with high quality grass seeds amongst other products such as loam, fertilisers and treatments suitable for sports such as Cricket, Golf, Football and many more.

We believe our history really is in your roots and we aim to work closely with our customers ensuring long lasting relationships. With a clear focus on innovation with traditional touch, our knowledge and the technology we now embrace is built on decades of industry experience and with our in-house specialists and exclusive manufacturer relationships, the whole process is tailored to provide you with the best possible customer service experience.

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OUR SERVICES

Seed & Fertiliser

Providing high quality seed and fertilisers used from grassroots and private gardens to iconic international venues.



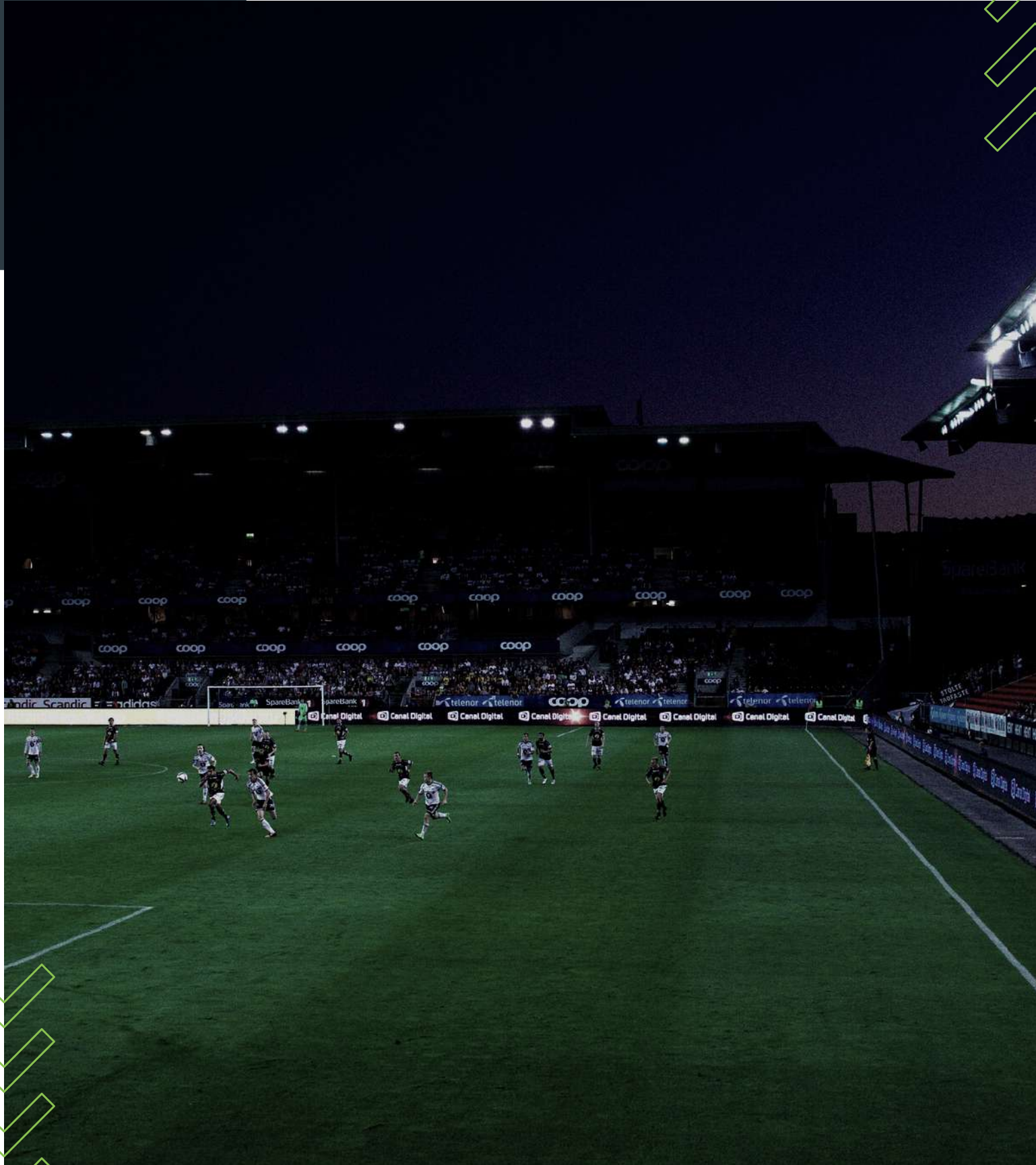
Loam & Top Dressing

Supplying sand, root zone and top dressing mixes for the sport, leisure and private gardens.



Ground Services

Providing highly dependable ground maintenance services for sport & leisure clubs.



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Pitch renovation & preparation

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FERTILISERS USED & RECOMMENDED

Due to the seasonality involved with many sports, our main playing facilities can often be overlooked and only tended to 6-7 months of the year.

All fertilisers used and recommended are available here with us at Battersby Sports Ground Supplies.*

*Our guide is a recommendation only. Application or mis-use of products is the individual's responsibility. Battersby take no responsibility for actions taken as a result of using this guide. If in doubt, consult Battersby prior to application.



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We're competitive on and off the playing area and that includes online too! You can create an account, shop online and receive offers direct to your email inbox all at www.sports-grounds.com.

If you're looking for advice or prefer to shop by phone, you can talk to our trusted and knowledgeable team by calling **01706 360 572**.

TREATMENT CALENDAR

END OF SEASON RENOVATION

STEP 1

Once the season is over, thankfully the temperatures and daylight may be conducive to a good renovation.

For a lot of professional clubs now is the time the pitch will be koro'ed off – this is when the entirety of the top layer is removed. Although an expensive task to complete, this method of renovation ensures that there is no build-up of the organic 'thatch' layer, which can lead to issues for playability, safety and drainage.

At grassroots level, where this may not be possible, a scarification or fraise mow may take place. This is effectively heavily scratching through the top surface, thinning out the sward and help reduce the surface build-up of the thatch layer. This will help provide a cleaner playing surface, better seed uptake, improved drainage and a healthier sward. These arisings are then collected to leave a clean and tidy surface.



VERTI-DRAINING

STEP 2

If ground conditions permit verti-draining may take place. This is punching a number of holes in the surface to help with a range of issues, including:

- Aiding decompaction & Improving drainage
- Increase air flow around the roots, providing a healthier sward
- Create a seed bed, which leads to improved germination rates and a denser sward of grass



VERTI-DRAINING

STEP 3

Seeding/overseeding can take place using Battersbys Pro Sport Reno mix. A sand based top dressing may also be applied, such as Battersby 70/30 top dressing, along with a pre seed 6-9-6 or 7-7-7 to help with rapid establishment.

Other options include overseeding and top dressing high traffic areas such as goal mouths, 5 and 15m lines to help re-establish sparsely grassed areas.

TREATMENT CALENDAR

POST RENOVATION & PRE-SEASON

STEP 4

As the seed begins to establish, regular mowing should be undertaken to help keep the pitch neat and tidy, and to help the grass tiller (thicken up). An application of 12-6-6 (35g sq/m) will help encourage further growth, as well as providing nutrients to aid root development. After 7 or 8 weeks, and whilst there is still good growth, regular verti-cutting should be undertaken to reduce the build up of thatch and improve overall plant health. Applying Liquid iron or the slow release granular 8-0-6 will continue to help provide a healthy sward going into the start of the playing season.



DURING SEASON

STEP 5 - AUGUST TO OCTOBER

As growth starts to slow during this period, focus should turn on protecting the overall health of the plant, as well as rooting into the winter months. The 3-12-12 Autumn/Winter feed has excellent Phosphorous and Potassium levels which will encourage deep rooting, important as the lack of growth during the winter takes its toll and your sward thins out.



DURING SEASON

STEP 6 - NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

The height of the playing season sees reduced temperatures and minimal growth. Focus should be aimed at protecting the coverage that is there – the 3-6-8+fe will continue to strengthen your plant, whilst the Iron will help ward off excess build up of moss, which can cause drainage/playability issues. If areas of your pitch are starting to look thin/tired, overseeding with Coldstart, which germinates in lower temperatures is an option to help alleviate this issue.



DURING SEASON

STEP 7 - MARCH TO MAY

As the days start to lengthen and temperatures improve, then a 4-0-4+fe Micro Tonic can act as the perfect pick me up after the long winter months, encouraging sward growth. Top dressing and overseeding goalmouths/heavy use areas becomes a possibility as temperatures pick up, and can be completed before your main renovation at the end of the season. Now is the time to put the preparation in place for those all important end of season renovations, and the process starts all over again!

1

END OF SEASON RENOVATION

- Koro, Scarify or Fraise Mow your pitch, dependant on budget.
- Verti-drain the pitch/playing area. Please click here to enquire about this service.
- Apply top dressing and overseed.
- 3-5 days after seeding, apply a pre seed fertiliser – 6-9-6 or 7-7-7, to promote good seed uptake.

2

POST RENOVATION / PRE-SEASON

- Regular mowing to help maintain the height of grass and to help it thicken out.
- Application of a spring/summer feed to aid growth.
- Once established, regular verti-cutting to help thin out the sward and maintain plant health.

3

AUGUST TO OCTOBER

- As growth begins to slow, reduce amount of mowing/verticutting.
- Application of 3-12-12 Autumn/Winter feed will help aid strong rooting going into the winter months.

4

NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

- Further application of Autumn/Winter feed – 3-6-8+fe – the added Iron will help reduce moss build up in thinner areas, reducing the thatch layer, which can lead to a slippery surface.
- Consider overseeding with Battersby Cold Start in areas of high wear and tear, and where temperatures are above 5c, to help kickstart the pitch recovery process.
- Regular aeration will help promote improved plant health.

5

MARCH TO MAY

- Place orders for the end of season renovation – ensure you have the stock ready to go!
- Overseeding/Top dressing of goalmouths, thin areas to encourage new growth and give a good base for the upcoming renovations.
- Application of the 4-0-4+fe micro tonic to help give the grass a lift going into what is usually a busy period game wise for most clubs.

APPLICATION RATES

- Average Seeding/Fertiliser Rates – 35-50gm per sq/m
- 20kg bag – Covers 571 sq/m @ 35gm | Covers 400 sq/m @ 50gm
- 25kg bag – Covers 714 sq/m @ 35gm | Covers 500 sq/m @ 50gm



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