

# CHESHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP

**Press release**

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**For immediate use**

A CHESHIRE golf club is hosting a special Girls Get into Golf day.

The free event takes place at Prestbury Golf Club, near Macclesfield, on July 15.

The group taster sessions will give any girls interested in trying golf the perfect introduction to try the sport alongside like-minded people with the chance to sign up for the club's Girls Academy.

And there is also an opportunity for girls to give golf a go alongside their mums in one of the coaching groups available.

PGA professional Mark Pilling, who will be teaching the basic skills of golf on the day, offers further coaching and guidance through the Academy to put would-be girl golfers on the right course.

And the club's existing girl members will provide a warm welcome for any newcomers.

Says Junior Organiser Sean Hammill: "We have a thriving junior section at the club, with 17 girls, which reflects the coaching and playing opportunities for girls at Prestbury.

"Sometimes the thought of trying golf and getting involved at a club can be quite daunting for a young girl, but at Prestbury they will find girls from across the age range who enjoy the sport and socialising and who will help make it very easy for any new faces to get involved.

"There is also an opportunity for mums and daughters to come along and join in a coaching session together which just goes to emphasise how golf is a sport that can be enjoyed by all the family, offering some quality time together in a healthy and sociable environment."

All equipment will be provided with the taster sessions taking place in age groups.

The timings are:

Under-10s – 10am-12noon

11-14 – 12noon-2pm  
15-18 – 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Mothers and daughters – 4pm-5pm

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Prestbury has been awarded GolfMark for its beginner and child-friendly approach, which offers parents peace of mind that the right child care protection policies and coaching structures are in place.

The Girls Get into Golf day is part of a county-wide drive to encourage more people to take up the sport, backed by a national campaign and supported by clubs across Cheshire.

Craig Thomas, county development officer for the Cheshire County Golf Partnership, says: "Prestbury has a long tradition of providing an ideal environment in which young golfers can both learn and enjoy the sport.

"Mark Pilling is one of our county academy coaches, who runs a girls only group, and his advice and coaching skills will help any girls interested in trying the sport find it easy and enjoyable to learn."

### **Note to editors**

GolfMark is a national scheme that incorporates ClubMark and recognises junior and beginner friendly golf facilities that focus on Coaching and Playing, Club Environment and Child Protection, and Duty of Care, all of which are extremely important to parents and children alike.

GolfMark is an initiative jointly provided by the EGU and EWGA via the England Golf Partnership's 'Whole Sport Plan' for golf and is an integral part of the England Golf Partnership's vision to 'Grow the Game'.

The England Golf Partnership is a collaboration of a number of stakeholders in the sport including England Golf – the new organisation formed by the merger of the English Golf Union and The English Women's Golf Association - the PGA, the Golf Foundation and Sport England.

In Cheshire the partnership is supported by the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs, the Cheshire County Ladies Golf Association and the Cheshire and North Wales PGA.

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