

CHESHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP

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CAPTION: Craig Thomas, county development officer for the Cheshire County Golf Partnership (left), presents Anthony Haste, head professional at Tytherington Golf Club, with the GolfMark award

A CHESHIRE golf club is building on its 25th anniversary by receiving national recognition for its work in helping more people take up the sport.

Tytherington Golf Club, near Macclesfield, has been awarded GolfMark, a national seal of approval for junior and beginner friendly facilities which play an important role in the development of the game.

The club has created a stronger structure to its existing junior section – including encouraging feedback from the players themselves – as well as supporting schemes run under the umbrella of the Cheshire County Golf Partnership aimed at bringing more newcomers into golf.

Regular coaching for juniors takes place on a Sunday morning, with ages ranging from four through to 18.

Explains head professional Anthony Haste: “We have introduced a more structured diary of events which gives the youngsters the chance to play in more competitions to put into practice the skills they are learning on the range.

“We also encourage feedback from the juniors, while both the golf committee and club owners have been very supportive of the work we have been doing.

“As well as coaching on the driving range, we take the younger players out on the course to give them a feel for what the sport is about and show them things they would use during a round of golf, such as repairing pitch marks.”

The club has built links with Macclesfield High School and several primary schools, and also plans to extend that work to the Wilmslow area.

Anthony Haste adds: “We hope that the GolfMark award demonstrates that Tytherington is a friendly club open to all ages and abilities and the ideal place to develop your golfing skills in an enjoyable way.”

Says Craig Thomas, county development officer for the Cheshire County Golf Partnership: “GolfMark is a positive signal to anyone thinking of giving golf a go at Tytherington that they have the right duty of care policies in place.

“It means a parent dropping off their child knows they are in a positive environment with the emphasis on the right care and responsibilities.”

Tytherington opened in 1986, combining an 18-hole championship course and 10-bay driving range with health and fitness facilities.

Further details can be found at the website www.theclubcompany.com/clubs/Tytherington

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 the English Golf Union, 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.

For more details of the activities in Cheshire visit www.cheshiregolfpartnership.com

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