

Gowrie Farm

NOTTINGHAM ROAD

From the pastures & fairways of Gowrie Farm

Homeowners' preview of the Gowrie golf course

Gowrie homeowners were treated to a preview of the golf course at an informal fun-day recently. The weather was kind, and the players all enjoyed a relaxed day of golf, followed by a function at The Whistling Duck, a restaurant at Gowrie's shopping complex. When asked about their opinion of the Gowrie course, the players had plenty to say!



'We had a wonderful golf day at Gowrie. We have watched the course take shape and grow over the past while and it was exciting to tee off. I was the only lady golfer and a high handicap at that. I managed to hit some of my best drives ever – the good crisp air with the relaxing country spirit and challenge of the course. I'm definitely playing more golf now and trying harder. We look forward to being able to play with friends and members in the near future. The owners who played were a friendly bunch and all seemed thrilled that the country course had proven itself. It is interesting, attractive and challenging, and with spring arriving soon we will see so much growth. Well done to Guy and his team, it is a real thrill to know that we are part of this development. We're sure that this will become a golfing destination...'

Juanita Brown

'For a new course in the middle of winter it was eminently playable. In spring the course will come into its own and look fantastic. It does not feel like only nine holes, the extra greens create a big variation in the routing which is great and has been very cleverly done.'

A very easy walk, the tees are close to the greens, and 18-holes is easily played in four hours. I really enjoyed playing the course. Great news for the Midlands.'

Derek Paxton



'It was great to be involved in this historic first round and made me feel quite special – there can only ever be one first golf day!

'It is so cleverly designed that one has no idea that you are not playing an 18-hole course. There are some tough carries and you would be brave to set out for a round of golf without a couple of extra balls in your bag. There is an air of informality about playing golf on a working farm, which takes the edge off and allows one to relax and really enjoy the outing – the golf, the walk and the scenery. Being the "virgin" round of golf and not having all the signs and markers in place was the perfect excuse when a shot went awry and the "oh I aimed there because I thought it was that way" excuse was used several times. (And the surveyor had an unfair advantage!)

Sean Segar

'I've been following the progress of Gowrie Farm from when Guy Smith first mooted the idea, and have watched his "baby" grow and constantly teased him about playing in his "sand pit" (the golf course in its early stages). What a privilege it was to be invited to the first golf day: to say the day was a great success is an understatement. Who could have believed that a month (almost to the day) before the golf day, the entire course had been under a blanket of snow!

The course, which is a nine-hole course with 18 tee boxes and 12 greens, is something special. The course has been carefully designed to fit in with the natural surroundings. Guy has achieved something quite unique - you look forward to the surprises on each hole, from the natural bunkers, the use of indigenous grasses and the wonderful links feel. The greens were in fantastic condition and will become one of the most talked-about aspects of this course; they are already among the best in the province, with many subtle breaks and interesting shapes and contours.

To play at Gowrie Farm will become one of golf's special experiences and a "new jewel" of the Midlands has been created. Many of the courses in the province need to sit up and take notice. This "young pup" in the Midlands will become one of the top Thoroughbreds.'

Redvers Lee

'It was a lovely relaxing round of golf on a course that was extremely playable, and the good news is that it isn't anywhere near as good as it is going to be in a couple of months. Congratulations to Guy and the team and can't wait to get back.'

David St Clair

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