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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

The Open Championship
 July 13 - 20, 2014

The Royal Liverpool Golf Club
 Hoylake, United Kingdom

Golf Course Management Information

Links Manager:

Craig Gilholm

Availability to media:

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Education:

NVQ, Oatridge Agricultural College,
 Livingston, United Kingdom, 1992

Years at this course: 9

Number of maintenance employees: 10

Number of tournament volunteers: 30

Previous positions:

1989, Greenkeeper, Muirfield, Gullane,
 United Kingdom

Previous tournament preparation:

1992, 2002 Open Championship,
 Muirfield, Gullane, United Kingdom;
 2006 Open Championship, Royal
 Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, United
 Kingdom

Previous tournaments hosted at facility:

2006 The Open Championship

Course statistics

Average tee size: 700 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 10.5 ft.

Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Soil condition: Dry

Green construction: Sandy loam/push up

Rounds per year: 30,000

Acres of fairway: 25

Source of water: Well

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Sand bunkers: 82

Water hazards: 0

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Red	5878	74		
Yellow	6481	72		
Green	6907	72		
White	7350	72		

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass; ryegrass; fescue; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.25"
Fairways	Bentgrass; fescue; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.375"
Greens	Bentgrass; fescue; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.125- 0.1875"
Rough	Bentgrass; ryegrass; fescue	24"

Wildlife on the course

Fox; Hawk; Pheasant; Squirrel; Several
 different species of birds

Most recent redesign/renovation:

Martin Hawtree, 2010

Redesign builder:

Sol Golf, 2010

Other key course personnel

Paul Gardner, Assistant Superintendent
 Rob McBurney, Green Committee Chairman
 John Heggarty, PGA Professional
 Membership, Club Owner

Golf course management facts

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