The 151st Open Championship (R&A)
Royal Liverpool Golf Club (Hoylake) • Liverpool, England • July 20-23, 2023

Links Manager
James Bledge
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Years at Course: 1 1/2
Years as a Superintendent: 9
Previous Courses: Royal Cinque Ports, West Scotland, PGA of Sweden National, Kingsbarns, Miklagard, Dumfries, Galloway Golf Club
Hometown: Dumfries, Scotland
Tournaments Hosted: Bledge has hosted four Open Qualifiers, the Amateur Championship and the Boys Amateur Championship in his career.

Other Key Golf Personnel
Paul Gardner, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Trimble, Assistant Superintendent
Phil Turner, Equipment Manager
John Hegarty, Professional
Number of Employees: 12
Number of Tournament Volunteers: 33
Golf Course Dogs: Stevie and Siouxsie (Fox Red Labs)

Course Architect
Architect (year): Robert Chambers and George Morris (1869 – 9 holes), Harry Colt (18 holes)
Renovation Architect (year): Donald Steel, Martin Hawtree, Martin Ebert

Turfgrass
Greens: Bentgrass / fescue .150"
Collars: Fescue / bentgrass .255"
Approaches: Fescue / bentgrass .255"
Tees: Fescue .255"
Fairways: Fescue .395"
Rough: Fescue / bentgrass / dozens of other dune land species 2"

Additional Notes
• All playing areas are overseeded with fescue, paths with dwarf ryegrass and greens with Browntop bentgrass.

• A new 17th hole was created in 2019. There are new fairway bunkers on the left of No. 1 and right of No. 15.

• Edges of greens were taken out to provide more pin positions.

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets

Tournament Set-up
Par: 35-36—71
Yardage: 7,383

Course Statistics
Average Green Size: 6,458 sq. ft.
Total Property Acres: 197
Acres of Fairway: 22
Acres of Maintained Rough: 15
Number of Sand Bunkers: 84
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 0
Soil Conditions: Sand
Water Sources: Borehole
Drainage Conditions: Free Draining

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• Average fairway widths in landing areas are 32 yards.

• Course had a very dry start to the summer, but rain since the end of June has greened the course.

• Course mined 4,000 tons of sand from the dunes for bunkers, saving money and transport from quarries cutting down on carbon footprint.

• Course is Geo Certified.

• Wildlife on the course include the rare Natterjack toads, skylarks and foxes.

• Tournament routing is regular No. 17, 18, 1, 2, 3, etc…

• Royal Liverpool Golf Club member Matthew Jordan qualified for The Open.