

## **Press release.**

### ***Bowood's greens benefit from the feminine touch.***

**BOWOOD Golf & Country Club's deputy head green keeper Sam Kennedy is making her mark.**

For 30-year-old Samantha is one of only two women in the country to hold the prestigious post in green keeping – traditionally a male domain. Sam, who has worked at the club for almost four years, loves her job keeping the course's 200 acres looking spectacular.

She said: "My father was a groundsman so it's in my blood. I always knew I wanted to work outdoors.

"I rather fell into green keeping by accident when a job came up and I went for it as it sounded interesting. That was it, I was hooked."

Being a woman in a traditionally male environment brings its own demands.

Sam said: "Being a woman in this job has meant I have had to work hard to prove myself but I love what I do. Getting to be deputy head green keeper and being one of the first in the country is even more special to me. Bowood has given me the opportunity to progress in my career."

Sam joined Bowood as first assistant. Her extensive technical knowledge and good leadership skills led her to being promoted soon after to the position of deputy head greenkeeper.

She reports directly to Course Manager, Ross Williams, who is responsible for running the team that keeps the championship course in such a manicured fashion throughout the year.

Ross said: "As soon as Sam started at Bowood it was obvious she had the necessary attributes to make a first class deputy. I am confident that she will eventually become a course manager."

Sam said: "I am very proud to be working at Bowood. It is renowned within the golfing world for its quality. It's very satisfying knowing that I am part of the team responsible for producing such a consistently great course."

In the summer Sam's day starts at around 6am and involves all aspects of greenkeeping and golf course management.

She said: "I do exactly the same job as my male colleagues and I am treated as just one of the team."

Bowood's newly appointed General Manager, James Stewart said: "Like all the team here at Bowood, Sam is a huge asset to the estate."

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