

GALGORM TIMES

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS of Galgorm Castle Golf Club



THE GALGORM JOURNEY

25 years in pictures with the promise of so much more to come



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WELCOME

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Galgorm Times, our biggest yet and packed full of content as we celebrate 25 years of golf at Galgorm. It's hard to believe we have come so far in such a relatively short time. Thankfully things appear to be getting back to some sort of normality and in 2022 we look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary with many great events and occasions.

Christopher Brooke's vision to transform the Galgorm Castle Estate some 30 years ago has become an evolutionary journey, made possible by the support and investment from the Galgorm Castle Board and vibrant membership we continue to enjoy at Galgorm.

Our partnership with The Resort goes from strength to strength with Galgorm recognised as one of the leading golf and spa destinations in the UK & Ireland. Galgorm also enjoys a global reputation as Northern Ireland's premier tournament venue where international events are broadcast around the world.

Enjoy the latest Galgorm Times where we take a moment to look back at the last 25 years and look ahead as the Galgorm evolution continues at pace.

Gary Henry
Managing Director, Galgorm Castle

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LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

CAROL REID

My second year as Lady Captain, continued to be such a privilege, not least because of the tremendous and unwavering support and warmth I have experienced from the wonderful lady members. My term as Lady Captain would also not have been as good an experience as it was without the expertise and input from my very able Committee and in particular the Club Officers, my heartfelt thanks to them all.

It was another year of joy but also of sadness, as we again lost a big personality from the Club, with the passing of Bill Craig. Bill was a stalwart supporter of the ladies, and he will be sadly missed but always fondly remembered.

We enjoyed some return to normality in 2021 and I enjoyed the thrill and awe of watching our teams compete in interclub competitions. Huge thanks to all who participated and supported our teams. Special mention to our Junior Cup Ladies, captained

by Bernie Daly and supported by Frances McKinney, who were Ulster finalists.

We enjoyed a full season and a long awaited and very enjoyable Lady Captain's Day. Congratulations to Anne Higgins for winning the overall prize. I was delighted to present the trophies and prizes to the season's winners at a lively prizegiving dinner, and to also bestow the Player of the Year award to Frances.

A final thanks to the greenkeepers and the Company staff for maintaining our course to such a high standard and in supporting us in running the ladies' branch.

My best wishes to the incoming Lady Captain, Hazel, who I am sure will get as much from her year as I have done over the past two years.

Take care and stay safe.

Carol Reid

Lady Captain, Galgorm Castle Golf Club



CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

RAYMOND LYNN

It was a privilege to be Captain of Galgorm Castle Golf Club for a second year in 2021 when things gradually started to return to the new normal. I was ably assisted by my team of office bearers and committee members, and I would like to thank them all for their support during my two years in office.

The Golf Ireland interclub competitions returned to a full programme but still on a reduced format. Special mention to Trevor Fletcher's junior section who managed to reach the Fred Daly Plate final. Thanks to all the team captains and those who represented Galgorm.

Course Manager Rodney McKay and his team do a superb job keeping the course in wonderful condition. The changes to the course over the last two years are remarkable and add to the enjoyment of playing for members, visitors, and professionals.

My Captain's Day was special, and I really enjoyed sharing a wonderful evening with friends and family.

We hosted the ISPS HANNA World Invitational, which was another huge success. It was a great honour for the club, and for all those who took part and for me as Club Captain. Special thanks also to Gary Henry and all the staff in the pro shop for their assistance throughout my captaincy.

The last GUI Max Hadden competition at Royal Belfast took place in 2020, with 2021 being the first Golf Ireland competition. This was a great day out for all the club captains. We also had a most enjoyable Prize Night, which was attended by the sponsors.

I have really enjoyed my two years as Captain and wish David Millar every success in 2022. Special thanks also to Samuel Graham for his successful year in 2019.

Raymond Lynn

Captain, Galgorm Castle Golf Club

25 YEARS IN THE MAKING

The Galgorm evolution continues at pace, but we take a moment to catch up with Gary Henry to reflect on everything that has been achieved in the first 25 years of Galgorm Castle Golf Club



IN CONVERSATION WITH

GARY HENRY

As the prospect of better times comes into focus after a couple of extremely tough years for everyone, we are delighted to get the chance to celebrate Galgorm Castle's 25th anniversary. In many ways it's hard to believe golf has only been part of the Galgorm story for this relatively short time, especially against the backdrop of the estate's

Jacobean castle, dating back to 1608.

"This is a very important year for the club, marking 25 years since we opened in July 1997," explained Gary Henry, Galgorm Castle Estates Managing Director. "We've had a lot of key milestones along the way, yet we are still a very young club. One of our most recent and notable highlights was becoming

the only parkland course in Northern Ireland to have hosted the Irish Open when played on the DP World Tour (formerly the European Tour).

"There are so many people to thank for their help and support on this Galgorm journey, not least Christopher Brooke, whose vision over 30 years ago helped bring this evolution to fruition. Despite straitened times and economic downturns along the way, the continued support from the Galgorm Castle Board has helped position Galgorm as one of the country's leading golf clubs with international recognition."

DIARY DATES

EVENTS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Several key events are lined up as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations. There will be a series of Open Day events around the Bank Holidays for members to enjoy. Great prizes with informal food and BBQs are lined up.

The Founders' Cup will be introduced this year for anyone who has been a member for 25 years. A wonderful legacy event that will take place on October 4. A great day of golf and the chance to reminisce with friends about the first 25 years.

FIXTURE HIGHLIGHTS 2022

CAPTAIN'S DAY – MR DAVID MILLAR
Saturday 18th June 2022

LADY CAPTAIN'S DAY – MRS HAZEL CUNNING
Thursday 25th August 2022

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
Friday 1st July - Ladies & Gents Open Stableford
Saturday 2nd July – Men's Competition
Sunday 3rd July – Singles Stableford (am) and Mixed Competition (pm)

25TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAYS
Friday 3rd June
Friday 1st July
Friday 26th August
Friday 30th September

FOUNDERS' CUP
Tuesday 4th October

NI OPEN
Wednesday 6th July
* Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th at other venues (Cairndhu & Castlerock)

ISPS HANDA WORLD INVITATIONAL
Monday 8th – Sunday 14th August
* World Invitational restrictions TBC
* Ladies Away Day – Thursday 4th August
* Men's Away Day – Saturday 6th August



THE COURSE

"The Simon Gidman designed course that first opened in 1997 has experienced much change in 25 years. It has transformed from a good parkland into a championship course and one of the best parklands on the island of Ireland," added Henry.

It would be easy to focus in on the majestic changes to the par five 18th where risk and reward is very much in play with the dramatic new water hazard that encroaches left of the green complex. However, Henry sees things differently and from a wider perspective

"Everyone talks about the 18th, but work carried out at the ninth is equally as big," he says. "And really, the biggest evolution of the course is not the individual projects, but the playability of the course all year. Every winter, without fail, we invest in course projects to enhance the golf experience and make the course playable all year round for golfers of all ability. Galgorm can confidently state it is now one of the drier parklands and has some of the best putting surfaces anywhere in the country."

When it comes to golf at Galgorm, it's not just about the championship course and professional events; Galgorm is a course and a venue for everyone. The six-hole short game area and Himalayas putting green

is the perfect place for beginners to try golf, or for members to work on their game. The short game area is ideal for families, juniors and pretty much anyone who is new to the game.

Factor in the excellent academy facilities and dedicated PGA team and Galgorm has a coaching ticket to suit every level of player. This includes former European Tour player Gareth Maybin, who has his coaching academy based at Galgorm.

FACILITIES

"One of the biggest transformations has been at the clubhouse, which has significantly improved since 1997," added Henry. "The clubhouse is unrecognisable compared to what it was 25 years ago. The Castle Kitchen + Bar is unquestionably one of the best restaurants around – and certainly stands out as one of the best bar and restaurants at any clubhouse in Ireland.

"In 2022, a further addition will be the new Walled Garden and Barn. This will be a unique space and not something you normally see at a golf facility. It will include water features and landscaping and will be a spectacular addition when completed in early summer. It will be a real talking point."

could have imagined the levels we have reached today. "Along with Christopher, we have a very proactive Board at Galgorm and none of this would be possible without their support and expertise. Year on year, the Board continues to invest in Galgorm.

"Galgorm has been fortunate that the Board has continued to invest over the last 20 years, often at difficult and challenging times within Northern Ireland – especially in recent years due to the pandemic. Their steadfast approach and commitment has brought us to this point today. Even during the recession years, Galgorm invested while others were battenning down the hatches or trying to remain in business in such economically straitened times, especially after the Celtic Tiger days.

TOURNAMENT VENUE

Henry and his team continue to work hard on the tournament front as well as providing members and visitors with the best of facilities. "In the last 13 years we've held 14 tour events. It has been an exceptional and progressive journey, from PGA EuroPro events to Challenge Tour then European Tour, and now we are home to the ISPS HANDA World Invitational in a unique tri-sanctioned event with the DP World Tour, LPGA and Ladies European Tour. "This would not have been possible without the support of our members and all those who volunteer on an annual basis – so many from our club but also from further afield and a special thanks must go to our Volunteer Manager, Mrs Jackie Neill. Some of our volunteers have supported every event we have hosted over the past 13 years.

"Thankfully things are moving to a better place, and we are looking forward to hosting this unique tri-sanctioned event with less restrictions than we had in 2021. It promises to be even bigger and better than last year and great chance for members to get involved and enjoy tournament week (Aug 11-14). We also have the final day of the Northern Ireland Open (Jul 6)."

"We must also thank the many supportive club committees and office bearers over the last 25 years. They have been integral in allowing the club side of things to evolve. From teams representing Galgorm to our big club occasions such as Captain's Day, the members are the real fabric of the club. Galgorm Castle is not your typical traditional members' club, but rather a vibrant, modern offering that caters for the member and the whole family, which has had equal status from the outset – fitting that we are the first golf club in the northern hemisphere to have hosted an equal status, mixed professional tour event.

"Special thank you to the members at Galgorm, some of whom have been on this journey from the outset. On the course we've had some great individual performances

THE ESTATE

Galgorm Castle estate continues to provide a diverse range of activities and established businesses. Creative Gardens is one of the most popular garden centres in the province; Galgorm Business Courtyard enjoys full occupancy while the Ivory Pavilion is a standout weddings and events venue that utilises the historic estate castle and immaculate wall gardens.

RESORT PARTNERSHIP

"Through our partnership with Galgorm Resort, we are now recognised as the number one golf and spa destination in Northern Ireland," added Henry. "We are jointly working towards this evolution where Galgorm is recognised as a global brand and destination and one where we want our members to embrace the journey and reap the benefits, such as discount across the Galgorm Collection of hotels, bars and restaurants.

"Through sustained investment over the years, Galgorm is recognised beyond these shores and is a reason for overseas visitors to come to Northern Ireland, rather than a place to visit when they are in Northern Ireland. That's a big step change.

"The journey doesn't stop here. There is plenty more to do in the evolution of Galgorm!"

with Galgorm represented at national and international level on Ulster, Ireland, and GB&I teams. We've enjoyed some team success but I believe a coveted Golf Ireland pennant could be within Galgorm's reach considering the low-handicap talent within our club.

"And finally, thank you to the fantastic and loyal team here at Galgorm, many of whom have also been here since day one! This is especially true of the green staff with some who were here when the first sod was turned. Across the business, we are fortunate to retain our staff who have such vital knowledge of Galgorm. The same can be said of the pro shop, admin and operational side of the business plus our golf coaching team. We are thankful to have such a loyal team, both past and present."

THANKING THE TEAM

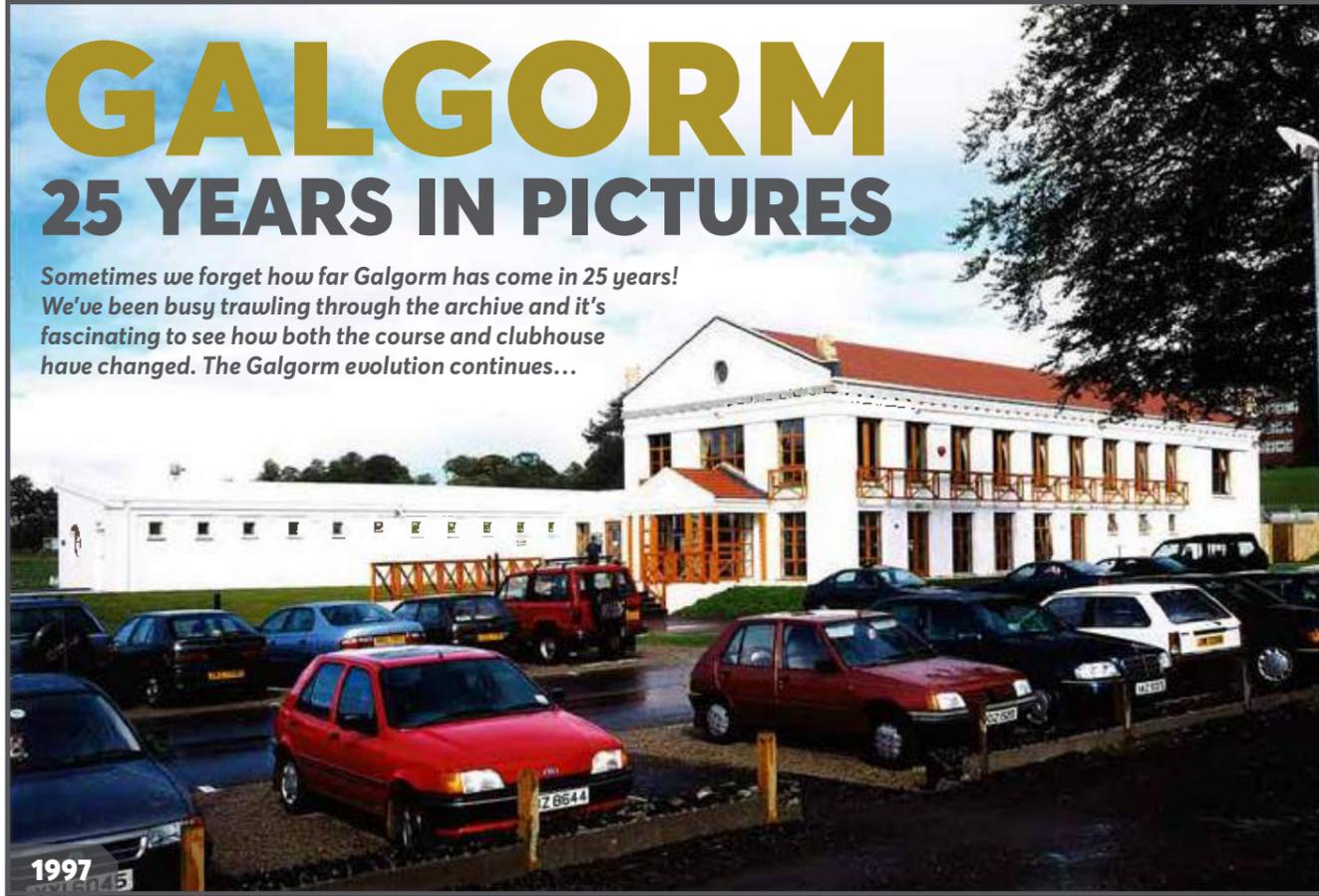
What Christopher Brooke started over 25 years ago, the Galgorm Castle Board, committees, members and entire team continue Galgorm's evolutionary story...

"It would be remiss of me not to mention Christopher Brooke at this juncture, for it is down to his vision and drive over 30 years ago when he decided to develop the estate," said Gary Henry, Galgorm Castle Estates Managing Director. "Even back then I doubt Christopher

GALGORM

25 YEARS IN PICTURES

Sometimes we forget how far Galgorm has come in 25 years! We've been busy trawling through the archive and it's fascinating to see how both the course and clubhouse have changed. The Galgorm evolution continues...





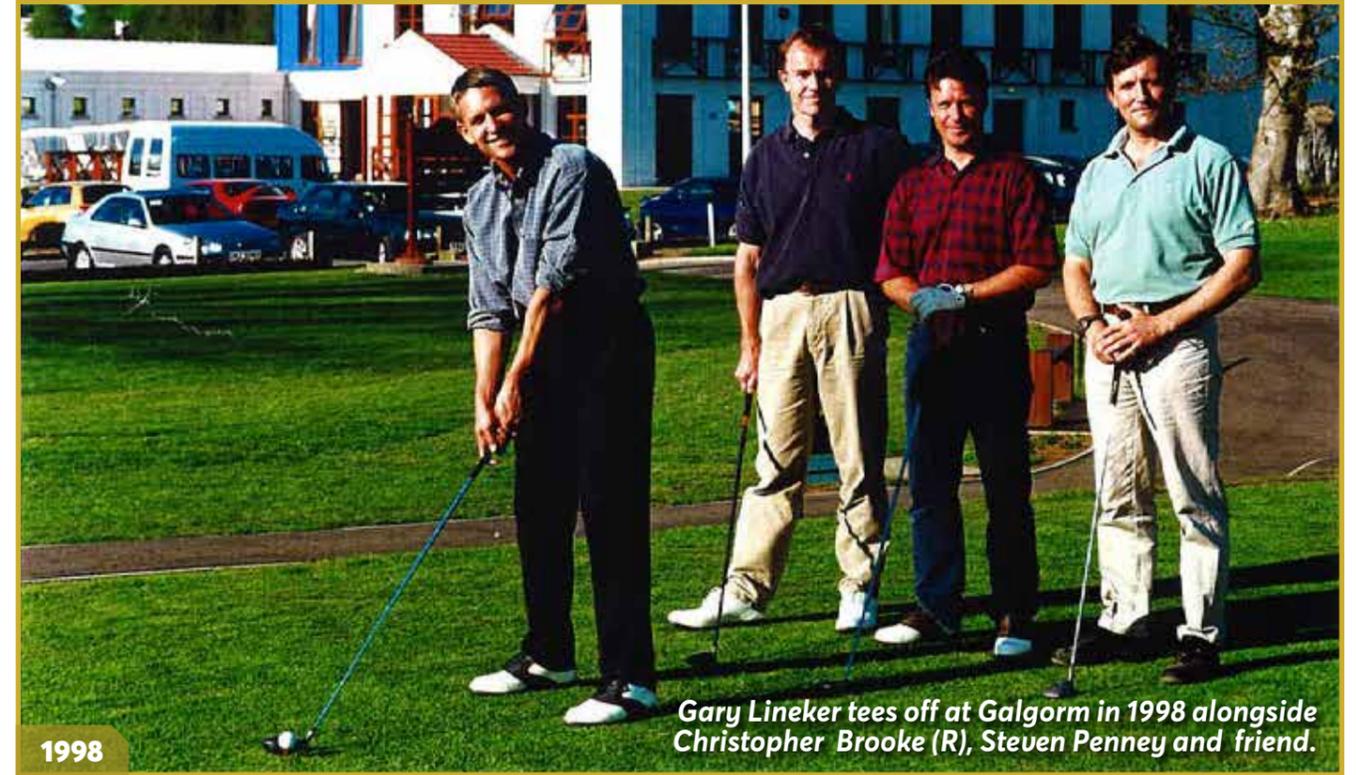
1995



2009



2021



1998

Gary Lineker tees off at Galgorm in 1998 alongside Christopher Brooke (R), Steven Penney and friend.



2002



2021

Course Projects

WINTER UPDATE 2022

Every winter Galgorm invests in winter projects to maintain and enhance the golfing experience when playing the championship course. It is imperative the course is playable for golfers of all ability; from beginner or club member through to visiting tour professionals. Galgorm is fortunate to be able to satisfy all these needs, while retaining the parkland to the highest of standards all year round. The work that takes place during winter is

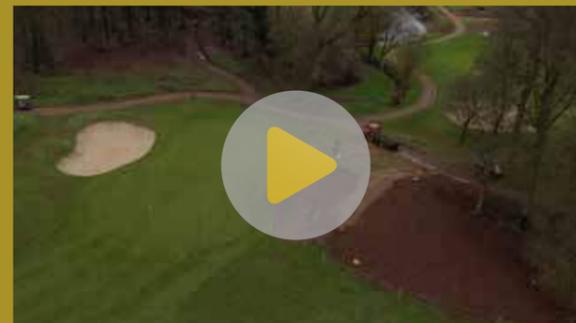
vital to ensuring the best of conditions at the height of the season.

With significant changes such as the eighth and ninth holes this winter, plus new teeing areas at the fourth, 10th and 15th, we continue to provide more strategic options for players of all ability. The current changes will stretch the course to approximately 7,300 yards from the championship tees, the longest parkland in Northern Ireland.

HOLE 9

The largest project this winter with the redesign of the lake to the left of the fairway. The lake has been extended by approximately 100 yards towards the green and back to the tee. The fairway has been lowered to make the water more visible from the tee, while the water level has been raised. The hole will be visually more appealing and challenging, especially for longer hitters.

A large mounding area has also been created at the far side of the lake to reduce the landing zone for the longer hitters. Additional tree thinning also took place on the opposite side of the fairway.



HOLE 8

We have redesigned the existing bunker left of the green and added a new bunker and mounding complex to the right of the putting surface. At 460-yards from the championship tee this places a premium on accuracy, both for tee shot and approach. The optimal tee shot will find the left side of the fairway - but be careful not to run into the lake.

The redesigned left greenside bunker has a raised back face to be more visible from the fairway. The new bunker and mounding right of the green are almost complete and will significantly enhance the visual aspect of the approach shot.

HOLE 16

Two new fairway bunkers have been added to the left of the fairway on the dogleg. This improves the aesthetics of the tee shot, plus enhances the strategic challenge from all tee boxes. The first, larger bunker is in play from all tee boxes and includes mounding on the left.

The smaller, second bunker is further up the fairway - 310 yards from the championship tee - and is a more penal hazard, designed to challenge anyone who takes on the first bunker. Additional tree thinning is also taking place on both sides of the fairway.



HOLE 17

On hole 17, a new fairway bunker has been constructed on the right-hand side of the dog leg approximately 290 yards from the championship tee. Anyone who takes on the bunker with their tee shot will be rewarded with a short approach into the green, while those who do not risk carrying or passing the bunker with their drive will be left with a longer second shot.

At the green, the bunker to the right has been redesigned and it now wraps around the front-right portion of the putting surface, ready to collect any approaches that leak to the right. The new fairway bunker and redesigned greenside bunker significantly enhances the visual appeal of this fantastic downhill par-4 that sweeps softly from left to right.



HOLE 4

A new championship tee box adds length to this short par-4 and provides a new angle for the tee shot for elite players. The tee shot is still a lay-up short of the River Braid, which cuts across the fairway in front of the green. The new tee box now demands a shot played across the large lake, while also negotiating trees either side. It is important to find the fairway to guarantee an unobstructed approach to the green, that is also guarded by the River Braid short and left plus large bunker to the right.

HOLE 10

A new championship tee box has been added, which stretches this wonderful par-5 to almost 600 yards. The new tee box demands a carry of 235 yards on the shortest route across the lake, while the most aggressive line requires a carry of over 300 yards. When playing from this new tee, only the longest players have the chance of an eagle putt.



HOLE 15

A wonderful new championship tee box has been built to the left of the 14th green. This adds significant length to what was a relatively short par-4 and creates a dramatic new angle for the elite player. Players must drive across the oxbow of the River Braid and negotiate the large lake to the right of the fairway, plus bunker complex to the left of the fairway. This new tee shot is not for the faint-hearted.

YOUR PRO SHOP

GOLF AT GALGORM

TaylorMade STEALTH

TaylorMade builds on its reputation of ground-breaking innovation with the introduction of the Stealth™ Plus, Stealth and Stealth HD Carbonwood™ Drivers

Titanium has been the cornerstone of driver technology for the last 20 years, but even at the beginning of the Titanium driver era, TaylorMade engineers knew that every material had its limit. The future of driver performance begins with the one-of-one 60X Carbon Twist Face – comprised of 60 layers of carbon sheets strategically arranged to optimise energy transfer.

FIND OUT MORE...



Book your STEALTH Custom Fit today and our resident Custom Fitting Expert will fit you for the Stealth Driver, Fairway, Hybrid, or Irons that suit you best using our TrackMan launch monitor.

STEALTH PLUS

Because of weight savings from the 60X Carbon Twist Face, engineers were able to incorporate the use of a 10g sliding weight track designed to help golfers control shot shape by shifting mass on the sole to create desired ball flight. Stealth Plus is designed to be the lowest spinning driver in the family.

STEALTH

Stealth benefits from the weight savings of the 60x Carbon Twist Face by more weight to be positioned low and deep in the

head. This adds 15% more MOI when compared to Stealth Plus and is designed to provide 200-300 rpms more spin.

STEALTH HD

Often, standard draw bias designs promote a right-to-left ball flight at the expense of forgiveness. By utilising the weight savings from the 60X Carbon Twist Face and shifting the Inertia Generator closer to the heel, we're able to maintain draw-bias while creating the highest MOI in the Stealth family of drivers. While providing additional draw-bias, the Stealth HD will have similar back-spin performance to Stealth.

STEALTH WOMEN'S

The Stealth Women's driver combines the technology of Stealth HD in a slightly lighter head weight and with a unique colourway and aesthetic. It maintains the high MOI head design for easy, high launch with a touch of draw.



BALLS

In premium balls, the market-leader Titleist ProV1/X and its TaylorMade TP5/X rival will be in stock. We'll also be stocking new balls from both Titleist and TaylorMade at varying price points.



ROSS OLIVER



Galgorm Director of Golf

Ross and the PGA team at Galgorm take you through the latest trends for the 2022 season. The Pro Shop carries all the latest brands, while the coaching team are on hand to help improve your game.



MYSTEALTH – A NEW LEVEL OF PERSONALISED PERFORMANCE

Personalisation is a defining factor for the modern golfer. From stamped wedges and putters to custom headcovers and embroidered bags, golfers at every level of the game want their equipment to make a statement about who they are on and off the golf course.

STEP OUT IN STYLE IN 2022

Galgorm Pro Shop stocks golf's leading brands and our team will be happy to get you up and running in time for the new season.

SHOES

FootJoy remains the 'No.1 shoe in Golf' and their 2022 line up is as strong as ever; the FJ Premieres are one of the classiest shoes in golf and the FJ Stratos offer a traditional option in spikeless. The FJ Pro SL remains the most popular spikeless shoe on the market – a great option for men and women, while the FJ Superlites XP are sure to be popular again.



Under Armour continue to grow in the footwear market and we'll have the UA Tour Pro SL, UA HOVR Show SL 2, UA HOVR Drive 2 and the UA HOVR Fade 2 in stock.

adidas continue to produce some of the best footwear products in the market and the excellent adidas Tour 360 XT/SL will be a strong seller in 2022.



CLOTHING

The 2022 Spring/Summer lines will be dropping in March, with the latest from Under Armour, FootJoy, Galvin Green and adidas in store.



THE TEAM'S PICKS

Trousers: The Under Armour Drive Tapered Pant will be popular, as will the adidas Ultimate Pant this season!

Polo Shirt: We've a great selection this Spring/Summer but for a top-quality classic crested shirt the best pick is the MASSIMO from Galvin Green.

Midlayer: Impossible to choose with Under Armour, Galvin Green, FootJoy and adidas offering such great products in this area!

Sweater: FootJoy offer an excellent range of classic knitwear available all-year round.

Jacket: Invest in the best with a Galvin Green Gore-Tex jacket.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Galgorm enjoys some of the best practice facilities in the country and we have a group of coaches to match, so there's no excuse, let us help improve your game!



BARRIE MCGOLDRICK

Members will be most familiar with PGA Professional Barrie McGoldrick, a friendly face at the Pro Shop. Barrie's passion is coaching players of all levels. He is a custom fitting and equipment technology expert and is a TrackMan certified instructor.



ALISTAIR MCDIARMID

Alistair McDiarmid (PGA Professional) has been at Galgorm since opening in 1997 and continues to provide lessons to our members and visitors whilst co-ordinating our Junior Academy classes throughout the year. Alistair remains active on the PGA Northern Branch circuit.



GARETH MAYBIN

Former European Tour player Gareth Maybin joined Galgorm in 2017 and applies his vast knowledge and experience of 'life on tour' to help his clients reach their goals. Gareth's dedicated studio is adjacent to the range and is equipped with a TrackMan launch monitor and large screens for full analysis.



PETER MCCARROLL

Peter McCarroll will join the Galgorm teaching ticket from March. He has built a strong client base since founding his academy at Allen Park a decade ago. "I'm buzzing about the opportunity to teach at Galgorm, the facilities are fantastic and I can't wait to get started."



ENJOYING THE BENEFITS

Members at Galgorm enjoy an unrivalled position where you benefit from playing one of the best parkland courses anywhere in Ireland, plus have access to so many other opportunities at Destination Galgorm.

Galgorm members can take pride that their home course is 'Northern Ireland's Premier Tournament Venue' and is one of the best maintained courses anywhere in the country. Members also have access to excellent practice facilities, full PGA coaching team, Fun Golf Area and more, not to mention the bustling bar and restaurant at Castle Kitchen + Bar.

And yet, being a member at Galgorm still offers much more than this...

THE GALGORM COLLECTION

Your **Galgorm Perks** card provides discounts and incentives at all Galgorm Collection properties.

- 10% off food and beverages in bars and restaurants
- 10% off spa treatments and packages - Galgorm
- £50.00 off best available accommodation rate - Galgorm
- £25.00 off best available accommodation rate - The Rabbit
- £25.00 off best available accommodation rate - The Old Inn

To book any of the above, please contact property direct. Galgorm Perks cards are available to collect via the Pro Shop.



Closer to Home GOLF BY THE LAKES AT LOUGH ERNE

If seeking an escape closer to home, Galgorm also enjoys a reciprocal arrangement with Lough Erne in Fermanagh where Galgorm members can enjoy a game on the Faldo Course for just £35.

For further information please contact Lough Erne golf directly.



Images of La Manga Club in Spain



GLOBAL GOLF DISCOUNT

As we return to some sort of normality in 2022, golfers will be seeking their next golfing trip away, and as a Galgorm member we provide you with unique access to discounted golf at key locations around the world.

LINKS2GOLFNETWORK

We have partnered with **Links2Golf International** as one of its prestigious Reciprocal Clubs.

Your membership provides you with access to 700+ signature golf clubs in North America, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and 53 other countries.

Take advantage of significantly reduced green fees at all Network Clubs – see full list of Network Clubs via this link: www.links2golf.com/en/members

Members of Reciprocal Clubs may utilise their benefits for up to four rounds of golf per 30-day period at clubs more than 150km away from your home club.

We recommend you use the easy on-line request system: www.links2golf.com/en/booking

LA MANGA CLUB

La Manga Club needs little introduction as the internationally renowned Spanish destination is recognised as one of the best sport and leisure venues anywhere in the world. And, if there is one sport that distinguishes La Manga Club, then it must be golf!

The resort is home to three 18-hole courses, that are suitable for all levels of players.

We are delighted to have a reciprocal agreement with the world-famous La Manga Club, which means our members benefit from a heavily reduced green fee rate.

Galgorm members can play at La Manga for €75 (reduced from €198).

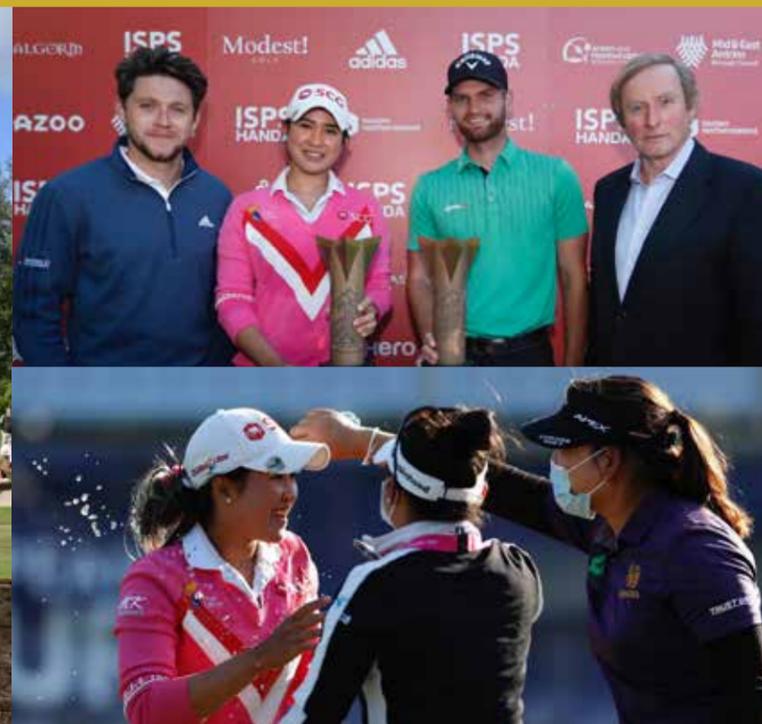
To reserve your next golfing trip to La Manga, please contact reservations exclusively via email at: golf@lamangaclub.com

Members must produce a current membership card and letter of introduction from Galgorm to avail of this rate.





2021 ISPS HANDA World Invitational presented by Modest! Golf



Destination Galgorm

NORTHERN IRELAND'S PREMIER TOURNAMENT VENUE

Galgorm is firmly established as 'Northern Ireland's Premier Tournament Venue' with international events and overseas visitors returning to Galgorm every year to compete in tournaments that are broadcast around the world.

Such extensive coverage not only places Destination Galgorm in the global shop window but is a key driver in showcasing everything that is good about golf in Northern Ireland and across the island of Ireland.

Professional events have been contested at Galgorm since 2010 when the inaugural Northern

Ireland Open took place on the PGA EuroPro tour. Fast forward 12 years and Galgorm has hosted 14 international tournaments, and this year will see the return of the ISPS HANDA World Invitational presented by Modest! Golf and the final day of the Northern Ireland Open.

In 2020, Galgorm hosted the Dubai Duty Free Irish

Open on the DP World Tour (formerly the European Tour) when American John Catlin produced the goods coming down the stretch to record a memorable win. Hosting Ireland's national golf championship remains a highlight for Galgorm and a proud moment for everyone involved at the club who helped make tournament week the success that it was.

Galgorm is the only parkland course in Northern Ireland to have hosted the Irish Open as part of the then European Tour. (Belvoir 1949 & 1953 and Malone 1933 staged it before the tour existed).

Later this year the ISPS HANDA World Invitational returns for the third time to Galgorm from August 11-14 when this unique tri-sanctioned event between the DP World Tour, LPGA and LET promises to be another highlight of the golfing year.

In July, the Northern Ireland Open presented by Modest! Golf will enjoy a brand-new format for professionals and amateurs with the final round to take place at Galgorm on July 6. The first two rounds will be played at Cairndhu and Castlerock.

TOURNAMENT GOLF WITH GALGORM

ISPS HANDA WORLD INVITATIONAL

- 2022 August 11-14
Galgorm & Massereene
- 2021 Pajaree Anannarukarn (Tha) -16
Daniel Gavins (Eng) -13
- 2019 Stephanie Meadow (Nir) -11
Jack Senior (Eng) -11

DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH OPEN

- 2020 John Catlin (USA) -10

NORTHERN IRELAND OPEN

- 2022: July 4-6
Galgorm, Cairndhu, Castlerock
- 2021: John Murphy* (Ire) -5
- 2020: Tyler Koivisto (USA) -13
- 2018: Calum Hill (Sco) -19
- 2017: Robin Sciot-Siegrist (Fra)
- 2016: Ryan Fox (Nzl) -19
- 2015: Clément Sordet (Fra) -17
- 2014: Joakim Lagergren (Swe) -13
- 2013: Daan Huizing (Nld) -13
- 2012: Paul Reed (Eng) -12
- 2011: Chris Hanson (Eng) -14
- 2010: James Hepworth (Eng) -15

(* played at Cairndhu)

ULSTER MEN'S & WOMEN'S STROKEPLAY

- 2022 May 30-31
Belvoir Park
- 2021 Robert Moran* (Castle) 218
Aideen Walsh* (Lahinch)
- 2019 Colm Campbell (Warrernpoint) 284
Jessica Ross (Clandeboyne) 296
- 2018 Ronan Mullarney (Galway) 133
- 2017 Colin Fairweather (Knock) 146
- 2016 Jamie Fletcher (Warrenpoint) 141
- 2015 Tiarnan McLarnon (Massereene) 137
- 2014 Aaron Grant (Dundalk) 140
- 2013 Dermot McElroy (Ballymena) 277
- 2012 Cormac Sharvin (Ardglass) 215
- 2011 Ciaran Molloy (Ardee) 280
- 2010 Reeve Whitson (Mourne) 143
- 2009 Simon McConnell (Ballyclare) 69

(*Played at Royal County Down)

ULSTER YOUTHS

- 2006 Gareth Shaw (Lurgan) 287





Tournament Venue
COMPETING ON THE WORLD STAGE



The 2020 Irish Open at Galgorm



Ireland's John Murphy won the 2021 NI Open

Some of the best players in the men's and women's professional game will return to Galgorm in August to compete in the \$3million ISPS HANDA World Invitational presented by Modest! Golf.

The World Invitational is one of golf's most innovative tri-sanctioned events where the DP World Tour, LPGA Tour and Ladies European Tour (LET) come together as men and women compete for equal prize money at the same venues at the same time. There is no other event like it in the northern hemisphere.

Tournament week is hosted once more by Galgorm and Massereene Golf Club from August 11-14 where play over the two venues takes place on the first two days before the weekend drama unfolds at Galgorm.

In 2021, Thailand's Pajaree Anannarukarn (-16) won in dramatic fashion from a play-off with American Emma Talley, while England's Daniel Gavins (-13) stormed up the leaderboard on the final day to secure his maiden DP World Tour title.

When the tours were in town in recent years, they heaped praise on the venue and quality of

the championship course.

"This golf course is magnificent, it truly is. If you haven't been here, it's a must. If you come to this part of the world to play the great links of Northern Ireland, you've got to come to Galgorm too, it's a must, for it truly is a wonderful parkland," said Sky Sports commentator Wayne Riley.

"It might be the toughest course I've played on the European Tour," added 2019 Open Champion Shane Lowry during the 2020 Irish Open at Galgorm.

For more information visit www.worldinvitational.golf

EXCITING TIMES FOR NI OPEN

New format and venues for 2022 event

The 2022 Northern Ireland Open presented by Modest! Golf marks the 13th year of this renowned homegrown event where an exciting new format will be played over three venues. The event forms part of the Clutch Pro Tour for the second year and is a key stop-off on the tour's schedule to be played over three rounds from July 4-6.

The first round will take place on the headland of Cairndhu Golf Club where Kinsale's John Murphy won on his professional debut in 2021 to deny local favourite Dermot McElroy in second, with England's Thalia Martin claiming the women's title. The championship links at Castlerock Golf Club further along the coast will host day two before a two round cut takes place and qualifiers compete at Galgorm for the third and final round.

This year amateurs and celebrities will also compete alongside male and female professionals in an event similar in format to the successful Alfred Dunhill Links Championship played annually in Scotland on the DP World Tour.

"We are delighted to continue our involvement in an event we have been associated with since 2016," said Niall Horan, owner of Modest! Golf. "This year's event is an exciting new format, and we look forward to working with Castlerock as one of our new venues.

The leading players will earn spots to compete in the ISPS HANDA World Invitational.

For more information visit www.niopen.golf



ULSTER STROKEPLAY MOVES TO BELVOIR

Amateur event originated at Galgorm

The Ulster Men's and Women's Stroke Play Championship continues to go from strength to strength and the 2022 event will be played at Belvoir from May 30-31. The event was first played at Galgorm in 2009 and enjoys a prestigious roll of

honour, including names like Cormac Sharvin (2012), Dermot McElroy (2013) and Colm Campbell (2019) among the former champions.

The event is co-ordinated by Golf Ireland and in 2021 moved to Royal County Down where Robert Moran from The Castle and Aideen Walsh from Lahinch were the winners.



The first Ulster Strokeplay event was played at Galgorm in 2009



IN FOCUS

COLIN JOHNSTON

Managing Director, Galgorm Collection

Born in Belfast, Colin has more than 25 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Joining Galgorm Collection in 2001, Colin has held several senior management roles before taking the helm as Managing Director in 2016. During this time Colin managed the integration and £60 million development phase at Galgorm, as well as two Belfast City Centre restaurants – Fratelli on Great Victoria Street and Parisien in the iconic Robinson & Cleaver building. More recently Colin delivered on the vision for the £10 million renovations of the formerly known Templeton Hotel, which has been rebranded to The Rabbit Hotel & Retreat. Galgorm Collection also acquired The Old Inn, Crawfordsburn, earlier this year and recently opened its doors following a dramatic £1 million refurbishment. The Collection continues to expand with plans for a boutique hotel with a restaurant and bar on the Ormeau Road in Belfast and has aspirations for further hotel acquisitions. Colin is also the chair of Mid and East Antrim Tourism Recovery Task Group and on the Board of Directors at Northern Ireland Hotels Federation.

What sets your brands apart from other luxury properties? What makes them special?

Our success has been underpinned by continuous investment in our properties and the team of people that deliver it. The key to maintaining positive momentum in the future will ensure that approach continues. Our business is about creating exceptional, bespoke experiences for each of our guests, offering an authentic Irish welcome with luxury facilities to allow guests to create their own unique experience.

How tough was it to have shut Galgorm and other venues due to the pandemic?

Without doubt, 2020 was a challenging year despite the early months when the stage was set for a record year. March came around and expectations quickly changed as we faced closure. This alone presented imminent challenges, but also encouraged us to innovate – to seek different ways to work, to engage with supply chains differently and to build



and nurture relationships. It was a time of change, a new way to work. This so-called 'new normal' but the rollercoaster approach of opening and closing was certainly challenging.

The experience of the last few years has taught us the lesson to ensure we are always strategic in our thinking for the future in terms of capital and operational planning for any uncertainties that may come our way.

What do visitors typically demand from a luxury hotel like yours? How do you ensure that you are able to meet these expectations?

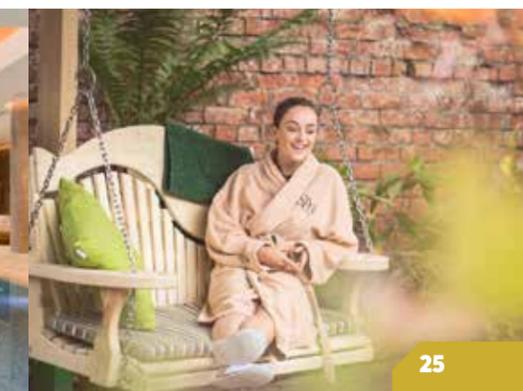
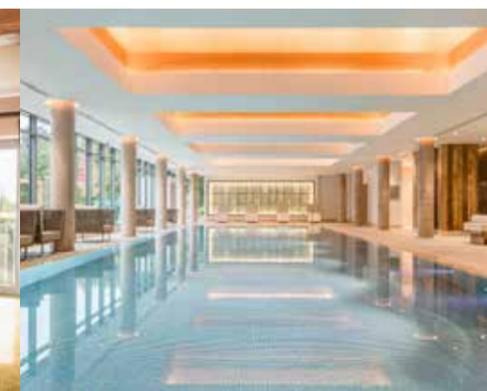
Though customers in all segments value price, reputation, room quality, and location when choosing a hotel, these basics merely cover the cost of entry in today's competitive hospitality industry, and they offer no guarantee for winning repeat business. To achieve sustainable, long-term growth, we must develop a deep understanding of the type of customers we want to attract, then offer experiences tailored to them. By becoming more attuned to the

preferences of current and potential guests, we can more accurately target and build meaningful, lasting relationships with them.

What are the main challenges that you and your team face and how are you tackling them?

The sector needs to address the skills gap and labour shortage caused by the pandemic and we are actively involved in a number of initiatives. In 2018 we launched Galgorm School of Excellence, offering apprenticeship programmes in Professional Cookery, Food and Beverage and Spa Therapy. Last year, we partnered with local charity The Gallaher Trust and two other local hotels to launch the Northern Ireland Hospitality School, a brand-new educational centre focused on providing hospitality training and guaranteed employment for those seeking a career in the industry.

As Galgorm Collection continues to expand its portfolio and further invest in the region, we're focused on strengthening our employer credentials and growing new talent. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the industry has emerged in a strong position.





The Conservatory

THE FOODIE FAMILY

Galgorm has creatively developed a selection of dining and entertainment spaces to ensure that we can cater for individual tastes, your mood, and the atmosphere you wish to enjoy. For steak lovers and Italian eaters, to the fine diners and traditional feasters, our 'Foodie Family' is sure to provide the perfect 'Taste of Galgorm'

Castle Kitchen + Bar

Located at Galgorm Castle, the distinct warmth and ambience of Castle Kitchen + Bar make it a space for all occasions and tastes. Located adjacent to The Kitchen by a wrap-around horseshoe bar, sumptuous sofas, and feature planting merge to create an atmosphere of relaxed glamour in an intimate yet informal setting. Raise the bar when it comes to dining al fresco and lounge on the roof terrace, with an exceptional outlook and fuss-free beer garden vibe. Take in views of the fairways and countryside while sipping on cocktails or grazing on a bite to eat.

Our newly launched menu has caused a 'Stir', serving up an eclectic mix of perfectly charred

steaks to the unmistakable Baked Alaska, best kept secret fish dishes to moreish starters. Castle Kitchen + Bar offers a unique dining experience set to ignite your taste buds from lunch, through to dinner.

Fratelli Ristorante

The family favourite, Fratelli Ristorante oozes rustic Italian charm with a contemporary edge. Meaning 'brothers' in Italian the Fratelli brand concept is to welcome guests into a family-friendly, informal environment where the focus is on simple yet quality cookery and a warm welcome.

Our friendly team serve traditional pizza and pasta dishes with a modern twist, using carefully

sourced Italian produce. Our menus boast authentic Italian cicchetti perfect for sharing, fresh local seafood, and meat, alongside the Italian classics we love; mouth-watering pizza, pasta and not to mention tempting mini desserts and kids can build their own pizza!

The River Room

The finest of dining, The River Room is one of only four restaurants in Northern Ireland to be awarded 3 AA Rosettes for culinary excellence. Head Chef Chris Rees creates dishes that are true to the ingredients, showcasing local artisan producers with menus that change daily. The menus are packed with seasonal ingredients sourced from carefully selected local suppliers and the Resort's very own kitchen garden, all imaginatively served to complement an extensive wine list. The River Room embodies the ethos of Galgorm in its menu and dishes offering a unique and memorable dining experience.

The Conservatory

A luxurious and elegant experience, The Conservatory is a magnificent bespoke glass creation that perfectly

frames the stunning setting of the cascading River Maine and lush parkland of the Resort. Take in the beautiful surroundings and enjoy our Afternoon Tea, a delicate dining experience offering a selection of finely cut sandwiches and miniature savouries, freshly baked scones, and intricate miniature desserts. Our creative team is continually coming up with enticing Afternoon Tea menus to surprise and delight our guests, ensuring every visit to Galgorm offers something truly unique and memorable.

Gillies Grill

A favourite amongst guests and locals alike, Gillies Grill has a warm and relaxed ambience and charming views of the Resort's stables. Encompassing all menus is a commitment to using the freshest of ingredients and the very best local Antrim produce. Recently, our chefs at Gillies Grill have been 'cooking up a storm' with tantalising new menus that promise to impress and boast the freshest local produce. Whether you are looking to feed that curiosity with something new or if you're a creature of habit, that will order our favoured Salt & Chilli Chicken and Grilled Steaks every single time, Gillies Grill will always be a popular go to for good grub!



Castle Kitchen + Bar



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The River Room



Gillies Grill



GALGORM INVESTS £10m IN NEW LUXURY ACCOMMODATION

Galgorm will create a suite of new accommodation and thermal spa options within its 380-acre Estate which forms part of a £10 million investment that will create up to 50 new hospitality jobs over the next two years.

This new investment marks the first phase of a £30 million project to further expand and enhance Resort and spa facilities by 2027 and is the latest move by Galgorm Collection to ensure the Resort's position as a world-class international tourism destination, having already invested £60 million since 2010.

In addition to the expansion of the Resort, Galgorm Collection has also committed to the rollout of an enhanced benefits package for all eligible team members, including a £1 million investment into premium private health care cover over the next five years as part of its ongoing commitment to investing in its people.

The announcement was welcomed by Economy Minister Gordon Lyons on a recent visit to the Resort:

"I warmly welcome Galgorm's expansion plans to increase its visitor capacity and provide an exciting, new travel experience. I'm delighted to see Galgorm Collection forging ahead with new opportunities to expand its offering and cement Northern Ireland's position as a fantastic place to visit.

"My Department's Tourism Recovery Action Plan aims to create a solid foundation for recovery and a return to the record-breaking tourism figures of 2019. This announcement by Galgorm is evidence of the vital recovery already taking place within this important and much valued sector."

Colin Johnston, Galgorm Collection Managing Director, said: "Over many years, we have invested heavily to establish Galgorm as an award-winning international and world-class tourism destination, and we remain firmly focused on investment and innovation to secure our global position. This latest £10 million project will see up to 50 additional accommodation units added to the Resort over the next two years, which will increase our workforce and expand the Estate's footprint."

New for 2022 is the addition of a range of bespoke Shepherd's Huts with the first now open to guests keen for a unique stay within the great outdoors. Representing an investment of £2.5 million, the area is earmarked for further expansion, housing up to 18 huts by this summer.

Nestled deep within the newly created 'Secret Meadow', the one-bed huts are equipped with all mod cons including a feature stove and a mini kitchen with hob, microwave, fridge, freezer, kettle, toaster, and coffee machine for a cosy woodland retreat. Each hut comes with its own outdoor bath and fire pit on the terrace, perfect to experience the healing and restorative benefits of the surrounding forest.

Expanding upon its existing Cottage Suites, work will commence on a £2.5 million project to add 23 new high spec one-bed cottages. Cleverly designed with everything guests need for a comfy stay, Cottage Suites are located within the serene grounds of the Resort and

offer luxurious seclusion whilst near the main Resort.

Plans are also in place to add five magical treetop hideaways set amidst the forest grounds, with the first opening next year in a £1.5 million investment.

"There has been a real surge in demand for outdoor experiences and pursuits as 'staycationers' and visitors alike seek a connection to nature and the great outdoors. We're delighted to expand our offering in this space with the launch of a suite of unique accommodation types and a host of new outdoor pursuits at the Resort. From fishing and falconry to cycling, hiking, clay pigeon shooting, and horse riding, guests can now enjoy a stay with a difference but with the same luxury and premier hospitality that Galgorm is renowned for," added Johnston.

The award-winning Thermal Spa Village will further expand by two acres in a £2.5 million project to add new hot and cold outdoor experiences, a second outdoor riverside pool to further expand the authentic Irish Spa experience within a stunning woodland setting.

An additional £100,000 has also been invested in a brand-new Spa Suite. Complete with its own jacuzzi, sauna and private access to The Spa, the suite offers breath taking views of the River Maine and provides guests with their own slice of serenity for the ultimate relaxation escape.

The Linen Merchants is the latest addition to the Resort's residency accommodation which offers accommodation for up to 10 guests, along with an outdoor private hot tub, private garden with BBQ, two lounges, and a spacious kitchen: the ideal option for a family get-together.

Tourism Northern Ireland Chief Executive John McGrillen said: "Today's announcement by Galgorm is yet another positive sign for the tourism and hospitality industry and points to future growth and recovery of the sector.

"Galgorm Collection has continued to innovate and build on its established reputation as a world-class spa and golf resort over the last decade and I am delighted to see these ambitious new expansion plans progress.

For more information visit www.galgorm.com





GALGORM PARTNERS WITH TOP CLINICAL EXPERT AT THE SKIN CLINIC

Leading skincare expert and clinician Dr Andrew Mottram takes residency at The Skin Clinic at Galgorm, offering a brand-new suite of anti-ageing treatments

The Skin Clinic at Galgorm, one of Northern Ireland's leading, premier skincare and beauty clinics, has announced a brand-new partnership with top clinician and skin expert Dr Andrew Mottram to launch a new aesthetics treatment offering.

Taking residence within The Skin Clinic every Thursday and Friday, Mottram will offer a range of new anti-ageing treatments including anti-wrinkle injections, dermal fillers, Profhilo and Dermapen, designed to maximise the skin's potential and promote a radiant, youthful look.

The expanded treatment menu, focusing on injectable skin boosters and anti-ageing treatments, complements The Skin Clinic's existing range of premier skincare services and luxurious products for beautiful, youthful, healthy skin.

Tara Moore, Head of Spa Operations at Galgorm, said: "I am thrilled to confirm a brand-new partnership with one of Northern Ireland's leading aesthetics practitioners to expand upon the comprehensive range of advanced, premier skincare treatments on offer at The Skin Clinic.

"Dr Andrew Mottram is a highly celebrated clinician with extensive experience in aesthetics and injectable treatments. With a comprehensive new range of treatments, carried out in the tranquil surroundings of our award-winning Spa by a fully trained clinical practitioner, the new offering will further strengthen The Skin Clinic as one of the island of Ireland's leading venues for wellbeing and beauty.

"At The Skin Clinic, we take time to listen to our

clients and prioritise their needs. Feedback from clients showed a really strong demand for this enhanced service offering so we're delighted to now be able to offer all of our clients the best and most effective clinical anti-ageing treatments as part of the Galgorm experience."

Aesthetics at The Skin Clinic offers a professional range of clinical procedures which prioritises maximising the skin's potential, helping men and women slow down the ageing process so that they can embrace every stage of their vibrant, colourful life with confidence and courage.

Selected for its synergy with Galgorm Skin Clinic's ethos to maximise skin potential with treatments suited specifically to individual skin types, the new treatment range will guide clients through their journey to improving the health and appearance of their skin.

With 20 years' experience working in the UK and Ireland and Australia, Mottram is a Belfast-based clinician specialising in aesthetic skin treatments, dermatology and dermatosurgery.

"I'm delighted to partner with The Skin Clinic at Galgorm and introduce a new suite of services to both new and existing clients," said Mottram. "Over the last number of years, I've dedicated my career to maximising the skin's potential using aesthetics so clients can feel confident in the services now on offer. The treatments that I



Tara Moore and Dr Andrew Mottram

perform help with client skin concerns and can decelerate or reverse the ageing process, with discreet and natural results.

"The Skin Clinic at Galgorm is an impressive, established clinic working with some of the best and most effective skincare brands out there, including IMAGE and SkinCeuticals. This new treatment offering will provide clients with the full skincare treatment experience, delivering real results tailored to individual skin and skincare goals.

"I'm really looking forward to welcoming clients to my specialist clinic and to developing this exciting new partnership with Galgorm, one of the world's top Spa and wellbeing destinations."

For more information, or to book aesthetic treatments at The Skin Clinic, please visit galgorm.com



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The perfect getaway for your next staycation, The Rabbit Hotel & Retreat will guarantee a catch up on those all-important ZZZ's in the unique bedrooms, boasting an array of features from a Nespresso machine for your morning pick-me-up, to a Dyson hairdryer and retro Marshall amp, making you feel fabulous while you stay with us.

No trip is complete without a visit to The Relaxation Burrow. The showstopping spa exudes a mix of sophisticated luxury and Bohemian glam. Relax in the aroma steam room, get salty in the salt chamber, soak in the Swedish sauna and hot tub and take a dip in the star of the show, the Roman bath.

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