

# CHALLENGING JOB

## Malcolm Heeley on Parkwood Road and pride

I'd say Parkwood Road is of an average size. There are bigger and smaller grounds. To be honest, when I'm not working in the middle on the square I miss it slightly.



I get a lot out of doing the job. It's a matter of pride that you do it right. I want my ground to be like a wall-to-wall carpet!

It's also an interesting job in that it challenges you in a number of ways. There's bad weather, for example, and the issue of drainage. But it's nice to be working in the open air.

What I notice is that bowlers and cricketers are prone to blame the green or the wicket if they don't perform as well as they want to. It's human nature, I suppose. A poor workman always blames his tools!

I do most of my work in the morning. 6am sometimes. I roll the square and also attend to the outfield. The outfield is a bit up and down here; there are contours, a bit like a woman's body!