## Kirby Muxloe Course Review



Kirby Muxloe Golf Club is undoubtedly one of the premier courses in Leicestershire. The club itself was founded in 1893 and as you would expect with a course of this age it has plenty of character and maturity. The facilities at Kirby are excellent with a lovely club house overlooking the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens and on a nice afternoon I can imagine the terrace area will be full of members enjoying a drink and watching players come in. The practice facilities are excellent with 2 practice putting greens and 4 under cover bays, and a short game area too. The pro shop is well stocked with all the latest kit and the pricing is more than reasonable.

The welcome we received from all the staff at Kirby was excellent and they are a credit to their course. The day we were lucky enough to play Kirby the conditions were fine and the course looked really well. I have to mention the greens because they were up there with the best I have played this year. They were quick but true and a real test of your putting ability.

The course opens up with a par 4, 404 yards and as you stand on the tee you can see the hole dog legs to the left the big hitters will cut the corner to leave a shorter approach. If you play straight down then you will have a second to an elevated green that is well protected by sand, beware though as the fairway slopes to the right so the ideal line is left of the marker. Make sure you take enough club as it easy to fall short of the green. A par will be a good score start to your round.



The view from the 1st tee.

Hole 2 is a par 3, 184 yards you play from an elevated tee to a big green and the view of the hole is magnificent. The green is well protected by 3 bunkers to catch any wayward tee shots. Hit the green and it will hold and you could have a birdie chance.

Hole 3 is a par 4, 375 yards the hole rises all the way from the tee to green and the fairway is lined on both sides by trees so you need to be accurate off the tee. The green is protected by sand on the right and a ditch on the left, try to leave your approach shot under the hole for an uphill putt. This is a tricky hole take your par and be happy.

Hole 4, 462 yards par 4. You hit your tee shot from one of the highest points on the course, the fairway drops away from you all the way from tee to green. The green has a ditch that runs in front of it and also sand to protect it so your approach shot is a tricky one.