

Hinckley Course Review



Golf in Hinckley dates back to 1894 where local members designed a nine hole course on Burbage common the club back then was called Burbage common Golf Club the club today is much changed from then, now the course is a full 18 holes and goes under the name of Hinckley Golf Club. The 18 hole course was opened in 1983 and the wonderful club house on the course was opened two years later in 1985. The course today plays 6427 yards from the white tees with a par of 71 and 5457 yards from the red tees with a par of 72. The course is a wonderful park land course with some breath taking scenery, the view you get from the clubhouse over looking the course as it steadily drops away from you as to be one of the best in Leicestershire. The fairways and greens stand out beautifully from the trees that line the holes of the 1st 10th and 18th and on looks alone you would have to score the course an impressive 10 out of 10. The welcome we received at the course was excellent the members and staff were all very friendly and the professional Richard Jones is a credit to the course. The facilities at the course are excellent too, there are ample practice areas on offer and the with the view from the practice putting area the same as the clubhouse you could be forgiven for spending a lot of time on your putting. The pro shop was well stocked as you would expect for a course of this calibre and if you had forgotten to put anything in your bag you could easily find it here.

The day we were lucky enough to play Hinckley we found the course in splendid condition the greens and fairways looked lush and green and the conditions over head were perfect. The course itself starts off with a friendly par 4, 364 yards from the whites, and a stroke index of 12, from the slightly elevated tee you can see all the way down the fairway to the green as the ground drops away from you all the way to the hole. Out of bounds lurks down the right hand side and you have trees on each side of the fairway. It is not a difficult hole to start and the better players will be looking for a birdie here.



Stunning view from the 2nd green.

The second hole is a lot more of a test this again is a par 4 playing 391 yards from the white blocks. As you stand on the tee the hole climbs upwards and dog legs to the left, there are trees down the left hand side and a small ditch, your second shot is to an elevated green and a par on this hole is a good score.

The third hole is a short but testing par 3 playing 138 yards from the whites. The green is protected by bunkers and if the pin is tucked away in the far right corner as it was when we played then the percentage shot is to hit middle of the green. I would happily take a 3 here.

The fourth hole brings us to our first par 5 on the course, the hole measures 521 yards from the whites and dog legs round to the left. The tee is elevated and you look down the tree lined fairway to find a water hazard on the left just as the hole begins to turn. The green is protected by more water about 30 yards short of the green and also some green side bunkers. 5 is a good score here.