

# Vehicle tears up world-famous course



Tyre marks scar the previously perfect green at Royal Dornoch.

# Thugs wreck Royal's green

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VANDALS struck at Royal Dornoch Golf Club at the weekend.

A vehicle is thought to have been deliberately driven onto the 16th green of the world-famous links course.

Whoever was responsible drove from the beach car park and circled the green twice. Tyre marks suggest the vehicle was four-wheeled. Club managers say it will take weeks to repair the damage done to the green.

Police have been called in to investigate the incident which happened at some point between 11pm on Friday 17th July and

2am the following day. Anyone with any information is being asked to come forward.

Golf Club general manager Neil Hampton said greenkeepers had managed to smooth out the green and make it playable. It is expected to take longer to repair.

Mr Hampton said: "We are very disappointed that someone would do this to part of a renowned golf course which is such an important part of Dornoch and Sutherland.

"It doesn't just affect members of the club but everyone in the area. We are confident we can repair it so that the marks disappear completely. Play can continue on the green while this happens and if the weather stays as it is just

now this should help the grass grow back very quickly.

"We hope whoever did this can be found. If anyone has any information then it would be great if they would come forward."

■ Dog walkers returned from a beach stroll at Durness to find their car had been vandalised.

The silver coloured Ford Fiesta's rear passenger door window was smashed and belongings had been taken. The incident happened between 1.20pm and 2pm on Tuesday at a lay-by on the A838 at Ceannabeinne. Lochinver-based police constable John Murray said it was an extremely unusual crime for the area. Anyone with any information is asked to phone 101.