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# FOREWORD

## Carrington Open Day Event A Weekend to Remember!

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Days last month. Whether you came along on the Friday for Business Day or brought the family on Saturday for a bit of fun– it was fantastic to see so many friendly faces, both new and familiar.

We welcomed over 400 visitors through the gates. Friday was all about showcasing agricultural machinery, technology and innovation – and giving people the chance to get up close to the machinery and chat with industry experts. With live demonstrations throughout the day, we had some interesting conversations with visitors and a look behind-the-scenes at what's going on in the machinery world was really well received.

Then came Saturday – and with it a real community feel. The Lincolnshire Young Farmers brought the energy with their tug-of-war competition. A couple of downpours made an appearance, but not a single spirit was dampened – if anything, it added to the fun.

We were thrilled to hold a raffle in aid of the Lincolnshire Rural Support Network (LRSN), which raised a fantastic £520 thanks to the generosity of our visitors and suppliers. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets – every penny is going to a great cause that supports our rural community when it matters most.

Events like this don't happen without the hard work of a brilliant team, so hats off to all our staff, helpers, suppliers, and partners who pulled together to make this year's Open Days such a success. From setting up to packing down – your efforts didn't go unnoticed. And of course, thank you to every single person who came along. You make these days worthwhile and full of great conversation, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.





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## How a Kubota F251 Mower helps efficiency on a pioneering

**Farming has been in the Hoyles family for over 250 years, with the current holding in South Lincolnshire stretching across 700 hectares of reclaimed silt soil. Day-to-day operations are managed by Director, David Hoyles and his team of six staff. While wheat, potatoes, sugar beet, peas, and mustard make up the core crop rotation, it's the farm's forward-thinking approach that sets it apart.**

From storing 180,000m<sup>3</sup> of rainwater in their own reservoirs to producing 440,000 kWh annually from wind and solar, sustainability is deeply embedded. Wildlife-friendly practices are everywhere: 58 hectares of nectar-rich flowers, wild bird seed areas, bee hives, insect houses and owl boxes—illustrating how modern farming and biodiversity can go hand-in-hand.

### Breaking New Ground

In what may be a UK-first, the business has taken a bold step by planting possibly the most northerly olive grove in the world. The journey began back in 2019, with extensive research into plant varieties and licensing. By Spring 2024, ten varieties were planted across 10 hectares of Grade 1 arable land. A wildflower mix sown between the rows

encourages insects that protect the trees – a conscious decision in line with changing attitudes toward food grown with minimal

If all goes well, the first commercial harvest is expected in 2027. The olives will be processed into pure Olive Oil on-site and sold both online and through a unique range of handcrafted olivewood h

In 2023, the business diversified further with the opening of a new park. A dedicated website, an online booking system and social media made it a hit from the start.

### Enter the Kubota F251 Out Front Mower

Maintaining the park's grass proved a challenge, especially during a wet spring when heavy farm tractors risked getting stuck. Previously, the team used a 180HP tractor with a flail mower to cut the grass. A second-hand Kubota F251 was bought as a stop-gap, and although reliable, it lacked comfort.





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Looking for a better long-term solution, David approached Irelands Farm Machinery and arranged demonstrations of the Kubota F391 37HP 'out front' and ZD1211 'zero turn' mowers.

"The team at Irelands were a great help," says David. "They didn't just drop off machines and leave us to it—they took the time to understand what we needed."

After testing both, they opted for the Kubota F251, 25HP 'Out Front Mower' fitted with a 1.5m cutting deck, a more compact model perfectly suited to their needs. Its wider cutting deck, higher forward speed, and comfortable cushioned seat have made mowing both faster and more enjoyable - allowing more bookable slots in the dog park as demand continues to rise.

The mower is also used to maintain the olive grove rows, ensuring both aesthetics and accessibility are maintained.

From initial advice to final handover, Irelands Farm Machinery ensured the process was smooth from start to finish. "It was all very straightforward, and we couldn't be happier with the result." says David.

Whether it's maintaining a pioneering olive grove or keeping a dog park in top shape, the Kubota F251 has proved to be the perfect fit for a farm that's always thinking one step ahead.



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EDGE 8: 4000x2300x500mm

EDGE 12: 5000x2420x600mm

The trailers have a multi-function back door including spreader chain points, are built to withstand tough conditions, and are built with a Hardox body, which is tougher than mild steel. The EDGE trailers have an integral body prop so maintenance can be carried out safely, as well as back doors which hinge from the top or can be opened to the side thanks to a clever system of catches. Spreader chain points allow the door to be secured partially open for spreading loose material.

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- ☒ Tyre pressure and condition
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