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SHISKINE

Isle of Arran, Scotland

Designers: Willie Fernie/Willie Park

Green fee: From £20

Tel: 01770 860 226

ONLY one hole on this 12-hole course measures over 400 yards but that does not mean it is anything other than a must-visit. The Isle of Arran, off Scotland's south-west coast, is a gorgeous spot and Shiskine is the best course on the island. Eight of the holes are par 3s and blind shots are the norm rather than the exception. This is seaside golf in its rawest, prettiest and most natural form.



Arran attraction
Shiskine is one of the island's magical courses



81 SOUTHERNDOWN

Glamorgan, Wales

Designers: Fernie/

Fowler/Park/Steel Green fee: From £50 Tel: 01656 880 476

PART heathland, part moorland and featuring firm, bouncy fairways, Southerndown is hard to pin down in terms of character – beyond the fact there is plenty of it. The course is on common land, so don't be surprised to see sheep wandering the fairways. With views across the Bristol Channel a clear day here is a delight.



79 ISLE OF PURBECK

Dorset, England

Designers: Harry Colt Green fee: £44 Tel: 01929 450 361

IT is rare to find anywhere with views this special but the real glory of Isle of Purbeck is that they come on all four sides, whether looking to the Isle of Wight, across Poole harbour or towards the Purbeck Hills. This heathland course is set in a nature reserve, a par of 70 making it more testing than its modest yardage suggests.



78 CROWBOROUGH BEACON

Sussex, England

Designers: MacKenzie Green fee: £50 Tel: 01892 661 511

THIS is a pretty heathland course not unlike Royal Ashdown Forest. It is not especially long but does not need to be with small greens and sloping fairways. It gets fast and firm in the summer, when position is more important than power. Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, was club captain here 100 years ago.



77 BROADSTONE

Dorset, England

Designers: Tom

Dunn/Harry Colt Green fee: £58 Tel: 01202 692 595

CONSIDERING how close it is to the bustling centre of Broadstone, it is remarkable how quickly you find yourself on a heathland plain with little evidence of modern life. The best holes are undoubtedly in the middle section with the 7th rated the hardest hole – a matter there can be few arguments about.