



## History and background

Several years ago Graham Wilson, a retired engineer was cutting hedges in his garden. After a long hard day, he said to himself there must be an easier and safer way to do this job!!

So he set about trying to solve the problems that all gardeners face when they venture out to cut their hedges.

At first it started out as a hobby, but the more Graham got closer to solving the problems, the more determined he was to see the job through. In 2000, he received a number of UK government grants for safety and innovation, which helped him fund the initial stages of the project. He then approached a number of leading garden tool manufacturers, with a view to them taking on his invention. Without exception they all rejected his concept.

Graham however, was determined to see his vision through. He was convinced he had a concept that would dramatically benefit gardeners around the world, that concept would change a potentially dangerous and time consuming chore, into a far more pleasant and safe gardening function.

To achieve his goal Graham needed to raise substantial funds and in 1999,



**Graham Wilson - Inventor and Chairman of Garden Groom**

at the age of 53, he re-mortgaged his home and ploughed all of his savings into the development of his invention.

Years on and after spending a small fortune on development, manufacturing and patent costs and with many disappointments and rejections along the way, Graham has succeeded in introducing the GARDEN GROOM to gardeners around the world.

He has truly solved the problems associated with hedge trimming and with the GARDEN GROOM has presented a unique product that cuts, shreds and captures the majority of waste material and with its concealed blade, makes it virtually impossible to cut the mains cable.

Great ideas are always worth fighting for! Thanks Graham.

## Garden Groom Midi Volume Bag Instructions

### Your Volume bag Attachment

The volume bag attachment is supplied fully assembled, (see fig. 1)

Check the assembly for damage and ensure all the component parts are in perfect condition and firmly connected together before proceeding.

### Preparing your Volume Bag

Lay the hose, extension tube and bag out in a straight line adjacent to the hedge to be trimmed, positioning the bag behind the anticipated direction of progress. Ensure the hose is not twisted and the bag is sitting square on its flat base.

Attach the extension tube (Fig.2) to your Garden Groom Midi as illustrated (Fig.3), by offering the inlet of the tube to the exhaust of the Groom. Lift the back of the tube up to the underside of the machine, ensuring the interlock peg is aligned with the interlock switch, in the same way as the conventional container

Secure the tube with the retaining clip.

Plug your Garden Groom Midi into the mains electrical supply and switch on.

Your Garden Groom Midi should now be ready for use. If however it does not operate, check the interlock peg is correctly aligned with the switch and the retaining clip is firmly in place. If the problem persists, refer to the Troubleshooting page at the back of the Garden Groom Midi manual.

### Use of your Volume Bag Attachment

Start up the Groom in the normal manor by operating the main switch and the front switch, ensuring the safety switch is released on the rear handle. The flexible hose and volume bag will inflate, providing a clear passage for the debris to flow from the Groom exhaust to the bag.

As progress is made, to avoid any restriction of movement and strain on the tube/hose coupling, occasionally pull the bag along by the hose in advance of the cutting location.

During use, minor kinking of the hose is acceptable, however, ensure the tube is not twisted, as this will restrict the flow of waste material.

It will be necessary to periodically shake the debris down the hose to ensure smooth conveyance of material into the volume bag.

When the bag is sufficiently full, unzip the flap at the rear end and pour the shredded material into an appropriate receptacle or onto a compost area.

### Working from a ladder

When working from a ladder, always ensure it is stable on solid ground and never overreach.

Take care when positioning the ladder there is sufficient freedom of movement for the mains cable and the flexible tube.

Always ensure the position of the ladder, bag and hose do not cause a potential tripping hazard or create any restriction of movement during the hedge trimming operation.

### Storage

Ensure the tube, hose and bag are completely free of waste material before storing away.

Store in a dry clear place free of hazards that could cause damage to any of the component parts.

### Safety

Check periodically there are no breaks or damage to the volume bag assembly.

The Garden Groom Midi should never be used without the extension tube or hose in position.

### Never insert your hand up the extension tube.

### Warning

Always unplug your Garden Groom Midi from the mains electrical supply before carrying out any maintenance.

### Damage

The three component parts of the Volume Bag Attachment have been designed for easy detachment. If the extension tube is damaged simply detach the hose by untying the cord.

If the hose is damaged unzip the coupling at the bag and untie the extension tube. For volume bag damage simply unzip the hose.



**Always wear protective eyewear**

