

Graham cuts up rough in style

A DISABLED Montrose man's gardening business has been catapulted to the cutting edge thanks to Government help.

Graham Henderson, born with cerebral palsy, yesterday took delivery of a ride-on brush-cutter costing around £5000.

The new addition to his landscaping equipment was made possible thanks to assistance from the Government's Placing, Assessment and Counselling Team (PACT).

It means the man behind Graham's Garden Care is now able to operate on very rough terrain and the machine can cope with inclines of up to 30 degrees.

This allows Graham to work in areas where conventional mowers would have been ruled out because of the risk to the cutting blades.

The Spanish-made AUSA cutter can take on growth of around three or four feet, including brambles and small trees.

Graham said, "This will be a lot easier for me because I was using a strimmer before for this kind of work, which took a lot out of me and I was having bother with my legs.

"Neglected and overgrown areas should be no problem now and it's a job that I should



Graham and Les Gammie and the new machine.

be able to do a lot quicker."

Les Gammie, of Allan Gammie Groundcare at Laurencekirk, said, "Graham is quite forward-thinking in going for this, as

this is a relatively new concept. Any overgrown area is quite hard work, as normally not a lot of machines can handle that kind of job."