



WROUGHTON BOWLS CLUB



Parish Brief 2023

Since the last report in 2022 the Club has benefitted from the grants that were obtained from the Parish Council & Vision for Wroughton.

During the 2022 season, the Club hosted National/ County/ Swindon & District and Club Competitions. The refurbished kitchen was able to provide an exceptional standard of catering for every event. The club subsequently achieved food hygiene rating of 5 from the Food Standard Agency. With the investment in the relining of the ditches the green has improved where a good standard of playing surface is now uniform across all rinks.

Unfortunately the Club had a burst pipe in Dec 22, which caused considerable damage. Members were quick to respond and have worked hard to restore the Club. The Club is nearing completion of the repairs and are currently re-decorating. It is testament to the resilience of the membership that they endured difficulties to try and carry on, come what may.



Our Open Day on 1 May 2023, coincided with the Duck Race. The Club invested in directional & information signs which were fixed to the Ellendune Centre with the Trustees & Parish Council agreement. These signs improved the awareness of many local residents to the location of the Bowls Club. The Club wanted to contribute and be involved in the activities of the Duck Race, thus able to supply hot & cold drinks, hot food, cakes & an activity for all ages who wanted to try bowls. The event was very well attended and heightened our presence.

We strive to be more visible to the community offering a facility to everybody. Wheelchair access into the Club and onto the green. Those with a disability are welcome with bowling aids so that they might still participate. The Club has 3 fully credited coaches who give free introduction tutorials before a person commits to a membership. There is an active Youth Academy each Friday. Social bowls each Monday & Wednesday. The Club is in mid-season with all National/County/Club competitions underway and being very well supported. We have visits from the Brownies/ Guides and have scheduled sessions for Wroughton Junior School as an activity during their "Sports Week"

The green is now bowling well which has a knock on effect of encouraging new members. The kitchen now has the capability to cater for touring Bowls Clubs & Friendlies and has recently been hired for wakes & social gatherings from other groups and individuals.

The membership is now healthy (90 full & 32 social)

The aim of the Club is to promote bowls to everyone and provide an additional venue in the village for Social & Club events.

