



WROUGHTON BOWLS CLUB



Parish Brief 2024

Since the last report in 2023 the Club continues grow with the benefit of grants allocated by the Parish Council & Vision for Wroughton.

During the 2023 season, the Club hosted National/ County/ Swindon & District and Club Competitions. All events have the option of catering from the refurbished kitchen, which provides an exceptional standard of food. The club regularly hosts competitions, bowls events, friendlies, Sunday Lunches and private functions. A food hygiene rating of 5 was issued from the Food Standard Agency.

The Club Committee work tirelessly to ensure that the green and the Club is well maintained, safe and decorated regularly. During the closed season a programme of improvements was undertaken to build on the initial repair work carried out after the burst pipe in Dec 2022. Decoration of the main Club Room, replace the veranda roof, repair & replace green surrounds, plant an English yew hedge which re-place a wooden fence, install energy efficient heaters and trim the entire hedge surrounding the green. The majority of the tasks were carried out voluntarily by the membership demonstrating a breadth of experience.



The green was opened on Sunday 14 Apr 2024 by the main Club Sponsor. Cllr Hewer, Wroughton Parish Council and Cllr Brian Ford, Swindon Borough Council where invited to see the improvements and speak to the membership. The event was very well attended.

We strive to be more visible to the community offering the sport to all ages and abilities. There are members who have disabilities/ailments which does not exclude them for any activity or competition. The Club can be considered a safe environment assistance will always be offered. There is wheelchair access into the Club and its facilities also ramped access onto the green. There are bowling aids available so everyone can still participate in the sport. The Club has 4 fully credited coaches who give free introduction tutorials before a person commits to a membership. There is an active social bowls each Monday & Wednesday. The Club currently is in mid-season with all National/County/Club competitions underway, which are very well supported. We have scheduled visits from the Brownies/ Guides and have sessions for Wroughton Junior School as an activity during their "Sports Week"

The Club Open Day now regularly coincides with the Village Duck Race providing an actively/experience along with refreshments available throughout the day. The event is usually very well attended and has heightened our presence within the local community.

The regenerated green is now bowling well after the recent severe weather. The current membership is now a healthy (75 full & 35 social)

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



