

How we started

Wanborough Bowls Club was formed in June 1999 as part of the sports complex known as Hooper's Field Recreation Ground.

The land was gifted to Wanborough Parish Council and drained suitable for cricket and football use. Further land surrounding Hooper's Field was acquired by the Woodland Trust which gives the sports complex beautiful surroundings.

Having obtained the ground, Wanborough Parish Council succeeded in obtaining a lottery grant to build the sports complex comprising football, cricket, tennis, and bowls. Each of the clubs is managed by a committee accountable to the Parish Council.

Most of the inaugural members of the Bowls Club had never bowled before but in 2001, GWR, one of Swindon's oldest bowling clubs, lost its green to developers and a number of its members joined Wanborough. This influx of experienced bowlers enabled the club to join local leagues.

Wanborough Bowls Club is affiliated to Swindon & District Bowls association, Bowls Wiltshire and Bowls England. In 2009 we reached our 10th anniversary and we are now a thriving club with over 100 members. In 2010, we gained accreditation to Swindon Sports Forum and in 2013 we were the first outdoor club in Wiltshire to attain Clubmark status which means we have achieved certain criteria relating to activity/playing programmes, duty of care and welfare, knowledge of our club and community and club management.

What we offer

Set in the tranquil and rural background of Hooper's Field with its surrounding Woodland Trust area, our bowling green is, without doubt, one of the best in the area and, unusually, we have extensive parking facilities. Our conservatory clubhouse provides a pleasant outlook over the green and has a licensed bar.

The club welcomes new members of all ages and abilities and is proud of its equal opportunities ethos and its reputation for friendliness.

The green is open between the middle of April and the end of September each year and is available daily for informal play (roll ups). We have both men's and ladies' teams in local leagues and, at weekends, play friendly matches giving everyone the opportunity to play and enjoy the game.

Our club currently has 6 qualified coaches who are available to give help and support as required.

An annual Open Day is held in conjunction with the other sports clubs at the complex to encourage sport for all the family. During the winter, we hold a variety of social events: bingo, quizzes, beetle drives, cheese & wine evenings

Annual membership* is available as follows:
Playing Members: adults, £70 and juniors, £10. **A special introductory adult membership of £35.00 is offered for the first year with full playing opportunities.** Non-Playing members: £10 per year that allows members to enjoy social events and the benefits of our clubhouse.

Why not give it a try

If you have not had the opportunity to play bowls why not give it a try. It's a great way of getting out in the fresh air and to make a lot of new friends. We always welcome people to come and visit, borrow our equipment and have a go before making any commitment.

Just email info@wanboroughbowlsclub.or.uk for details. If you would like to drop into the club you would be very welcome but Friday afternoons should guarantee that there will be someone around to greet you.

Bowls is a game for everyone, young, as well as old, and we, as a club, are keen to encourage everyone and to ensure a modern approach to help us thrive and advance in the future.

*membership entitlement

Full Member: issued with keys, subject to payment of a deposit, and a year book as proof of membership and entitled to use all the club facilities with free unlimited rink access for roll-ups; rink fees will apply to league, and friendly matches. New members given a 50% reduction in subscription in the first year,
Junior Member (Under 18 years/in full time education up to 21 years): as above but not issued with keys, and not entitled to buy drinks at the bar. No reduction in first year's subscription,
Non-playing Member: not issued with keys or year book but given a membership card. Entitled to use the bar and attend all social functions and any match as a spectator. NOT entitled to use the green for roll-ups or any other event.