

## *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 several of their members subsequently 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 2019 we reached our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we are now a thriving club with around 90 members. In 2010, we gained accreditation to Swindon Sports Forum and in 2013 we attained 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 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 from 2.00 pm for informal play (roll ups). We have both men's and ladies' teams in local leagues and, at weekends, play friendly matches against other clubs, giving everyone the opportunity to play and enjoy the game at every level. We have several qualified coaches to help you improve your game and several members take part in County competitions individually and in teams

During the winter, we hold a variety of social events and, on every Wednesday throughout the year, the ladies hold a coffee morning.

Annual membership\* is available as follows:

- Playing Members: adults £80, and juniors £10.  
**We offer a special introductory adult membership of £40 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 .....*

Bowls is a game for everyone, young as well as old. As a club we are keen to encourage new members, and to ensure a modern approach to help us thrive and advance in the future. It may be less energetic than other sports, but it can be just as competitive!

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. Newcomers are entitled to a free taster session before making any commitment. All you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes!

Unfortunately we cannot currently accommodate drop-in visits, so please contact the club secretary on 01793 614861, or at

[info@wanboroughbowlsclub.org.uk](mailto:info@wanboroughbowlsclub.org.uk),

to arrange a suitable time to make sure someone is on hand to get you started.

## Membership Application Form

Name .....

Address

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Postcode .....

Tel.No: .....

Email Address:

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Bowling Experience

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Type of Membership: (Please tick)

- First Year Introductory Adult £40
- Adult £80
- Junior £10

Date of Birth    \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

- Non-Playing £10

Please post or scan & e-mail your application form to the Club Secretary. Fees are payable by cheque or bank transfer [preferred]:

WBC Secretary  
9 Studland Close  
Park South  
SN3 2DW  
[info@wanboroughbowlsclub.org.uk](mailto:info@wanboroughbowlsclub.org.uk)

### \*Membership entitlement

**Full Member:** issued with keys and a yearbook 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 are given a 50% reduction in subscription in the first year,*

**Junior Members:** 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 yearbook 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.

### WANBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

Hooper's Field  
Rotten Row  
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## WANBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



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