

Wanborough Bowls Club – a welcoming local grassroots club looking to the future



Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, WBC is a relatively young club, with many of its founding members still going strong. Based in the picturesque setting of Hooper's Field in the heart of Lower Wanborough, the club has always appealed to both locals and recruits from further afield. This short piece tells you a bit more about the club, and what it has to offer new members.



Core activity

A sport believed to date back to the 13th Century, lawn bowls can be played singly or in teams of up to 4. Our club caters for a wide range of levels, from complete novices to county-level competitors. We are involved in both local gents' and ladies' leagues, organise and play regular weekend friendlies against local and/or touring clubs, as well as in-house competitions... so there are plenty of opportunities to get involved from the very start! The sport itself is moving with the times – the days of ties and blazers have gone, in terms of dress code the standard requirements are club shirt, grey trousers and flat-soled shoes.



Social

Due to the nature of the game, bowls is a great way to socialise. There is plenty of time to chat between shots, especially in the team variants, and afterwards both teams get together for a snack and a drink in our fully licenced and subsidised clubhouse.

In between matches, and even outside the April-September outdoor season, we hold regular social events, such as quizzes, indoor games, charity events and an annual dinner.



Community

As a village club, WBC has always been involved in community events such as the annual Village Show in August, Sports Open Days, and we run Bowls 'taster' sessions for all sorts of local organisations.



History

Wanborough Bowls Club was formed in June 1999 as part of the sports complex known as Hooper's Field Recreation Ground. In 2001 when GWR, one of Swindon's oldest bowling clubs, lost its green we benefitted from an influx of experienced bowlers, enabling the club to join local leagues. 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.

The club holds regular practice sessions, or 'roll-ups', ideal for new bowlers to get to grips with the game. WBC always encourages newcomers and has managed to recruit a good number of members over the past couple of years, despite the pandemic.



With the new season [mid-April through to mid-September] fast approaching, new members are very welcome to come and along to try out for free. A congenial atmosphere and subsidised fully-licenced bar await! Please contact WBC Chairman/Secretary:
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