

A BOULES COURT FOR WEST MEON

What is "Boules"?

Boules is a simple game like grass bowls, but played with smaller metal balls (Boules) on gritty ground and a much smaller "Jack" ball used as a target.

The idea is to throw one or more your Boules closer to the "Jack" than any of your competitor.

You get one point for each of your Boules that ends up closer.

A typical competition match is between two teams of either two or three players

Each team has 6 Boules divided equally between its team members

A match is divided into games. In each game you win or lose points.

Why have a Boules court at West Meon?

It adds a recreational sports facility to the village's asset base.

The game is highly social in nature, but can also be highly competitive

There are many Boules Clubs in Hampshire, of which over 20 are members of the Southern Counties Pétanque Association

Once built it is cheap to maintain

We already have between 50 and 60 interested players who are playing when invited on private but makeshift courts



Who can play?

It is a game that can be enjoyed by anyone in the age range from, say, 10 upwards – as far as 80 or 90! Skill requirements do not require physical fitness
Many disabled people can play

Any villagers can turn up to play their own games if there is no prior booking. If you want a prior booking there will be a minimal charge designed to cover the minimal costs of maintenance.

There will be a Boules Club to organise events and generate collective interest in the game; Boules Club members' court booking charges will be covered by their club subscription.

