HAMPSHIRE UMPIRES' CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 2026

The 2026 outdoor season has been a very busy one for Hampshire Umpires, particularly towards the end. We were able to cover every event for which I was asked to provide umpires except one, and that was due to clashes with other events. It was good that our newer umpires officiated at a number of events, giving them valuable experience and boosting their confidence.

We have gained one new umpire this year and there are more in the pipeline from areas of the County where we are short of umpires.

I have run a number of Marker's Courses, and it is from them that some people decide to progress to becoming Umpires. I am always willing to travel to any part of the County to run a Marker's Course, through the Umpire's Association. These need to take place in indoor clubs and require a suitable room as a "classroom" for the morning and a minimum of two rinks for the afternoon practical session. Please contact me and I will make the necessary arrangements.

I would like to thank all those Umpires who put themselves out to ensure that the sport of Bowls runs efficiently and smoothly.

Tony Prince

(Hampshire Umpire Co-ordinator)