

**Smarden Short Mat Bowls Club**  
**Constitution (Revised 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019)**

- 1 The club shall be called “Smarden Short Mat Bowls Club” and shall have the objectives of the playing of bowls and the entertainment of its members, visiting teams and guests.
- 2 The Club shall be affiliated to the “English Short Mat Bowls Association” and the “Kent County Short Mat Bowls Association” and the Club will adopt the laws of the game issued by the ESMBA. The Club will also adopt and conform to such subsidiary rules, regulations and directions which shall be imposed upon it by both the ESMBA and the KCSMBA.
- 3 The membership of the Club shall be agreed by the committee based on the Hall capacity and the level of attendance. A waiting list of prospective members shall be maintained by the Club Secretary. Any Smarden Parish resident on such a list will be given priority. The Committee shall have the option to change the total numbers at their discretion.
- 4 The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of six Members:- Chairman, Captain, Vice Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. The Committee may co-opt other Members of the Club as necessary.
- 5 An annual subscription will be payable by all Members at a level suggested by the Hon. Treasurer which shall be confirmed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6 All monies raised by or on behalf of or donated to the Club shall be applied solely to further the Club’s objectives and for no other purpose.
- 7 Should the Committee decide by a simple majority, that on grounds of expense or lack of support, it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club, it shall call a meeting of all Members. At least twenty one days notice must be given together with the terms of the proposed resolution. If such a decision is confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at the meeting, the Committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets. Any monies realised after the discharge of any liabilities or debts shall be used to benefit the residents of Smarden in any way the Committee thinks fit.

**7th February 2019**