

SEEND SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB REPORT 2024

The Short Mat Bowls Club is in good health, having been in existence since 1999, with current membership at 27, although only one member (myself) actually lives in Seend.

Numbers were falling a few years ago, when the disastrous fire which destroyed the Bromham village hall resulted in many of the Bromham Short Mat Bowls Club refugees flocking to join up at Seend and have remained happily playing here ever since, forming the backbone of our club, along with other players from Market Lavington and Trowbridge.

It's an ill wind as they say!

Our members compete regularly in County tournaments and Leagues, and in internal competitions such as Singles and Pairs, playing under rules formulated by the English Short Mat Bowling Association, the sport's governing body in the UK. Five of our members play for Wiltshire County in Inter-County competitions.

We regularly contribute up to £100 every year to Wiltshire Air Ambulance, money collected from players 'hitting the block' during play.

The club meets every Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons – the sport is played in a friendly atmosphere enjoyed by all our members.

Colin Waldeck (Secretary of the club).