



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club  
Duckspond Road  
Buckfastleigh  
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**AGM**

Meeting held on 14 October 2021 at 7pm.

Present: John Sims – President; Shirley Williams – Lady Chairman; Tom Bowden – Secretary & Treasurer; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman; Ham Sampford – Green Manager; Mike Anderson – Club Captain; Jenny Goss – Lady Captain.

Members present: Pat Friendship; Pauline Manfield; Di Raggett; Sonia Bowden; Barbara Bamsey; Ken Bamsey; Stuart Shaw; Sue Heyes; Andy Bowen; Bob Dowdell; Geoff Mant; Miles Grindrod.

**President's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The President took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported the sad loss of our former Members Vic Manfield, Ian Howkins and Graham Bailey.

The President's welcome is attached to these minutes.

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from: Kevin Murray; Gwen Murray; Kelvin Clarke; Lesley Clarke; John Fox; Peter Carter; Celia Young; Mike Hawkins; Kim Vane; Rhoda Parker and Eve Full.

**Minutes of the 2020 AGM:**

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 15 October 2020, were proposed as correct by Mike Anderson, seconded by Jeanne Pinney and signed by the President.

**Matters Arising:**

None.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Tom presented his report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Tom drew the meeting's attention to the fact that in order to balance the books in 2022, the membership fee would need to increase to £165pa. A fee any lower than this would necessitate the use of the Special Fund (the Covid Grant). That is unsustainable in the long term.

It was left to a future meeting of the Executive Committee to decide what action should be taken.

### **Lady Chairman's Report:**

The Lady Chairman presented her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

### **Election of Club Officers:**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Chairman:                 | Mike Anderson    |
| Vice Chairman:            | Jeanne Pinney    |
| Secretary:                | Not elected      |
| Treasurer:                | Not elected      |
| Club Captain:             | Sonia Bowden     |
| Green Manager:            | Ham Sampford     |
| Ladies Captain:           | Sonia Bowden     |
| Committee Member (M):     | Andy Bowen       |
| Committee Member (F):     | Pauline Manfield |
| Men's Fixture Secretary:  | Sue Hayes        |
| Ladies Fixture Secretary: | Sue Heyes        |
| Men's Team Captain:       | Not elected      |
| Men's X Team Captain:     | Andy Bowen       |
| Men's Y Team Captain:     | Not elected      |
| Competitions Secretary:   | Jeanne Pinney    |
| Bar Manager:              | Mike Anderson    |
| Press Officer:            | Mike Anderson    |

The above officers, being duly proposed and seconded by Members were duly elected.

### **Any Other Business**

Tom reported that 1 items of business were received by him in accordance with 9.2.7 of the Constitution.

#### **1. Letter from Jeanne Pinney**

Tom read out a letter received from Jeanne, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The position of a replacement Trustee was left to the existing Trustees, John Sims and Sue Heyes.

There being no further business the President thanked the members present for attending and closed the meeting at 7.27pm.

Signed as correct:

President



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**President's Welcome, AGM 14 October 2021**

Welcome to everyone.

This has been a very special year for our club, after this meeting we only have one more centenary event to hold, our special centenary dinner in November.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member from our club officers down. We have always been a small club so we should all take pride in how the town of Buckfastleigh and its surrounding area has played the game of bowls for now over 100 years.

Two more events during the year has raised the esteem of our club. Bob Dowdell will next month hand over his chain of office as President of Bowls Devon. Bob the last four years has been very demanding on your time. May I thank you on behalf of all the bowls clubs in Devon.

Early this year covid was causing havoc. Many bowls leagues decided to cancel all matches. This was when our club stepped in to save the season. Tom contacted a number of local clubs and suggested we played each other for the Buckfastleigh Centenary Trophy. You only have to look on our notice board and see the thank you letters saying our decision saved the season for many bowlers.

The three points I have made highlights just what can be achieved by a small club, well done. May I remind you what Mike Anderson said in his speech when Bowls England visited, we now have a very healthy bank balance but a membership total which should ring alarm bells.

Thank you.

John Sims  
President



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**Treasurer's Report for AGM 14 October 2021**

**Covid-19**

The effects of Covid-19 continued throughout the year. The MDL cancelled the league, the Ladies P&D league was severally curtailed and the Ladies SD league was cancelled.

I arranged for a mini league of 8 clubs for the Men, which resulted in 14 fixtures which would otherwise not taken place. Sue arranged for a number of friendly fixtures for the Ladies against teams from the SD league.

Covid led to a number of problems and financial consequences. Team selection was, to put it mildly, a nightmare, because of reduced membership and several members electing not to play.

Income from the bar was down by 50% because of reduced attendance. Instead of a £2,000 profit from the bar, the profit from the bar was just under £1,000.

**Covid Grants**

In total, the club received £27,431 in government grants because of Covid. £118 was spent in 2019/20 and £9,357 was spent in 2020/21.

#### Total Spent

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Display Cabinet          | 87.98    |
| Can Crusher              | 30.39    |
| New Clock                | 22.99    |
| Blower/Sucker            | 271.79   |
| Hedge Trimming           | 100.00   |
| Centenary Bowls Stickers | 96.00    |
| Drill 'n Fill            | 3,000.00 |
| Fencing                  | 1,847.00 |
| Centenary Pens           | 142.74   |
| 50% Membership Fees      | 1,506.00 |
| Ditch Matting            | 999.00   |
| Centenary Shirts         |          |
| Contribution             | 379.60   |
| Welcome to Buckfastleigh |          |
| Bowls Club Sign          | 308.40   |
| Flags                    | 180.00   |
| Bunting                  | 21.98    |
| Rinks Open/Closed Sign   | 297.60   |
| Delivery Mats            | 184.00   |
| Total                    | 9,475.47 |

#### Membership Fees

Next year, there will be approximately 30 members unless the club can attract new members.

To finance the same level of expenditure, net of sponsorship and bar income etc., then the membership fee would need to be £165.

This is a matter that the new committee will have to give urgent consideration.



Tom Bowden  
Hon. Treasurer

## Buckfastleigh Bowls Club

| 2019/2020    |                                | Revenue Account | 2020/2021      |   |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Actual       |                                |                 | Actual         |   |
| £            | Income                         |                 | £              | £ |
| 2,837        | Annual Subscriptions           |                 | 1,609          |   |
| 3,670        | Grants                         |                 | 0              |   |
| 500          | Sponsorship                    |                 | 1,200          |   |
| 194          | Donations                      |                 | 120            |   |
| 255          | Teas & Draws                   |                 | 885            |   |
| 1,042        | Annual Dinner                  |                 | 0              |   |
| 784          | Bar Sales                      |                 | 1,979          |   |
| 13           | Competitions                   |                 | 333            |   |
| 28           | Green Fees                     |                 | 190            |   |
| 145          | Clothing                       |                 | 485            |   |
| 109          | Social Events                  |                 | 24             |   |
| 118          | Special Fund                   |                 | 9,357          |   |
| 0            | Ian Howkins Bequest Fund       |                 | 150            |   |
| 0            | Other Income                   |                 | 88             |   |
| <u>9,695</u> |                                |                 | <u>16,420</u>  |   |
|              | <b>Expenditure</b>             |                 |                |   |
| 2,617        | Green & Machinery              |                 | 5,828          |   |
| 792          | Premises & Grounds             |                 | 5,944          |   |
| 168          | Rent                           |                 | 168            |   |
| 308          | Electricity                    |                 | 348            |   |
| 512          | Water Rates                    |                 | 280            |   |
| 189          | Fire Extinguisher Check        |                 | 207            |   |
| 752          | Insurance                      |                 | 790            |   |
| 0            | Advertising - BBC              |                 | 308            |   |
| 0            | Advertising - 3rd Party        |                 | 617            |   |
| 143          | Printing, Postage & Stationery |                 | 183            |   |
| 70           | Bar Licence                    |                 | 70             |   |
| 0            | Website                        |                 | 12             |   |
| 191          | Sundries                       |                 | 422            |   |
| 0            | Centenary                      |                 | 618            |   |
| 920          | Annual Dinner                  |                 | 0              |   |
| 122          | Affiliation Fees & Trophies    |                 | 558            |   |
| 49           | Food & Draws                   |                 | 422            |   |
| 485          | Clothing                       |                 | 1,102          |   |
| 0            | Bank Charges                   |                 | (3)            |   |
| 381          | Bar Expenses                   |                 | 1,002          |   |
| <u>7,699</u> |                                |                 | <u>18,876</u>  |   |
| <u>1,996</u> | <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>       |                 | <u>(2,456)</u> |   |

| Capital Account           |                           |         |        |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------|
| Fixed Assets              |                           |         |        |
| 0                         | Premises                  | 0       |        |
| 0                         |                           |         | 0      |
| Current Assets            |                           |         |        |
| 30,108                    | Bank                      | 36,572  |        |
| 502                       | Cash in Hand              | 145     |        |
| 199                       | Bar Stock                 | 161     |        |
| 87                        | Clothing                  | 475     |        |
| 0                         | Debtors                   | 500     |        |
| 30,896                    |                           |         | 37,853 |
| Less: Current Liabilities |                           |         |        |
| 101                       | Creditors                 | 590     |        |
|                           |                           |         | 590    |
| 30,795                    | <b>Net Current Assets</b> |         | 37,263 |
| 30,795                    | <b>Total Assets</b>       |         | 37,263 |
| Financed by:              |                           |         |        |
| Members Fund              |                           |         |        |
| 18,917                    | Balance B/F               | 20,913  |        |
| 1,996                     | Surplus/(Deficit)         | (2,456) |        |
| 20,913                    |                           |         | 18,457 |
| Other Funds               |                           |         |        |
| 9,882                     | Special Fund              | 17,956  |        |
| 0                         | Ian Howkins Bequest Fund  | 850     |        |
| 9,882                     |                           |         | 18,806 |
| 30,795                    | Balance C/F               |         | 37,263 |

Signed as a correct record:

Treasurer:

*Tom Baden*

1 October 2021

Auditor:

*[Signature]*

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**Lady Chairman's Report for AGM 14 October 2021**

It has been a difficult year for the Club, having to deal with the Covid Virus and all the regulations which as a Club we had to follow.

Full credit must go to Tom and Sue for all the hard work in finding us games i.e Friendlies and Competitions and keeping us bowling in safety. I am sure we all enjoyed being out on the green and enjoyed all the arranged games.

Another big thank you must go to our Treasurer Tom, firstly for applying for the Covid grants which amounted to over £17k and for increasing the sponsorship income from £200 to £1,100 per year. That equates to subscription income of 12 members!

The Covid grant income has enabled us to do much needed work to the clubhouse and grounds, fencing, hedges and the Green etc. I am sure we would all agree the work was much needed.

Ham, Ken and Green Team have worked hard this year. At the beginning of the year with Drill & Fill which has made such a difference to the drainage. It takes a lot of dedication to keep the green looking at its best.

This has been a very special year, with the Centenary Celebrations. Our special guests were of course, Bowls England. We enjoyed the games against them and helped us to celebrate our Centenary. The day went very well and was enjoyed by all members.

I would like to wish you all the best for the next coming season.

Shirley Williams  
Lady Chairman

17.9.2021

Dear Secretary: Tom:

It is with regret, after much  
thought, that I inform you of  
my intention to resign as  
Trustee of Buckfastleigh  
Bowling club. My Health  
is not what it should be.  
I will be a member still.

Yours sincerely

J. M. Pinney

Jeanne

Thank you Tom for all  
that you do.

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