

# Green team report 2024

**Thank You to :** the following members for their input into the Green maintenance as part of the Green Team or as helpers in the goal of keeping the whole area clean and tidy. We aim to make our green the best playing surface in the league

Green team. Pete Sidebottom, Nigel Dodd, Qais, Graham Lambert, Garry Wigfield ( Kevin Doyle set to join us soon)  
Gardeners, Sue & Lawrence Birkin

- **Green** :- October to December.... Just keeping the area tidy.... Clearing falling leaves .... Keeping the ditches clear... preparing and maintaining the green keeping equipment

December to February..... Hover mower the green.. Sorrel spiking... rolling... repairing damage done by Crows or other animals... cutting green on high setting... swishing the worm casts... more rolling.

March and April... put down a layer of lawn sand to control moss and to fertilise the grass... scarify three ways.. First proper cut on a high setting.... Regular rolling... mark out the rinks.

- **Marquee's** :-  
A winter project is to get more artificial turf and improve the ground that the Marquees stand on.  
Artificial grass arrived in March along with a new top for the small marquee. Trees and bushes cut back and trimmed, ground levelled out... Marquee sides need cleaning. Marquees to be erected in April.
- **Pavilion** :- two seasons ago Stuart Macenzie redecorated the pavilion, although the Ladies do a good job in keeping it tidy, general wear and tear will mean it needs touching up. Volunteers required as Stuart is no longer with the club. We also need to do the gutters every year. Jobs for early spring.
- **Garden** :- As usual the garden areas have been well maintained by Sue, ably assisted by Lawrence and anybody standing by. In particular the new wild garden area that has been created next to the equipment sheds has been a success and Sue is keen to develop that area next season, and has already started preparing the area.

- Costings :- Around 20 weeks of activity on the green and surrounds we estimate on average about £7 per week for petrol. Approximately £140. We have a reasonable stock of fertilisers enough to last the season. We don't anticipate any mechanical breakdowns, but one never knows. It is likely that we will need the Vertidrain people in during the season and again at the end. £300. We will make an assessment as to whether we put seed down again at the end of the season. Budget of £300. So in total the costs are going to be in the region of £700/£800.

Pete Sidebottom.

Some of our green team

Nigel, Graham and Garry.







