



# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 1900Hrs IN THE CLUBHOUSE, CORAMS LANE, WELLINGTON**

Before the meeting opened all members present observed a one-minute silence in memory of Mark Phillips, Don Wilson, Bob Codd, Laurie Greaves, Chris Bullock, Vernon Adams, Burt Lovell, Ken Dunn and Helen Ilsley who had passed away since the last meeting.

## **1 The Chair declared the meeting open at 19.00 pm**

## **2 Apologies**

Lew Stanton and Julia Stanton. Bill Warnett, David Beudet, Martin Speakman, Tracey Richbell, Ian and Eileen Stewart, Monica Spalding, Philip Brigden, Joan Thomson, Di and Thelma Helps, Steve Bradnum, Sally Williams.

## **3 Presidents Address** (Paul Kelly)

The President Paul Kelly addressed the meeting and commented that it had been a very long time since the last meeting, a time which none of us would forget or would hope that we would never have to endure it again. He congratulated all club members who had battled through and had kept the Club going such that we are in a much better position than a lot of other clubs.

He commented on the fact that 2020 had been a complete write off and that 2021 was a very strange season in that despite having fixtures in all the leagues, these were only deemed 'friendlies' and that there was no promotion, relegation or trophies. Paul also said that we realised this year that Bowls is a social game. When we were permitted to start playing, we had no interaction with other teams, we then were able to have a drink outside and then we were allowed to move indoors and socialise with other teams; what a difference this made.

He advised the meeting that for 2022 we had entered a fourth team into the Over 60's league and that we had also renamed the teams. They would now be known as Lions, Tigers, Pumas and Leopards. He did mention that they had considered the Cheetahs but felt this was somewhat inappropriate.

He thanked everyone who had contributed to the club and made the comment that without the very many volunteers the club could not function.

#### **4 Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (November 2019) and the Extraordinary General Meeting held in (February 2020) were approved as a true record.

#### **5 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **6 Chairman's Comments** (Janet Moore)

I would like to welcome you all to our AGM for 2021. As we were unable to hold an AGM for 2020 some of our reports will cover the period since our last AGM in 2019.

Our Auditor Robin Dickinson retired last year and we appointed a new Auditor who was recommended to us, for the Audit of our 2020/21 Accounts. Unfortunately, we have not received the Audited accounts to present to you at this AGM. We will therefore need to present them at an EGM which we will convene when they are received. As some of you may recall this happened with the accounts in 2016. We will also deal with Election and appointment of our Auditor for 2021/22 accounts at the EGM.

#### **7 Executive Reports**

These had been circulated to all club members, outdoor, indoor and social, so it was decided that instead of reading them out, the Executive would take any questions that the members present may have. The reports would be included as an annex to the AGM minutes for future reference.

The chair then asked if there were any questions.

Mike Connor raised the question of the report being available earlier. Henry Richbell responded that due to ever increasing costs all the reports had been emailed wherever possible and that only those members not on email had received printed copies. He did advise the meeting that if anyone did require a printed version, they should contact him and a set would be provided.

John Cherry made the comment that only a couple of reports had actually got the committee members' names on. This point was accepted by the committee and John was assured that names would be on all the reports next year.

Gerry Mangeolles asked if all those who had worked for the club had been thanked and the Chair advised him that thanks were in her report.

#### **8 Treasurer's Report**

Derrick reported that unfortunately we had not been able to get audited accounts prepared in time for the meeting but that the club was in a very good position with just under £50k in the bank.

He also thanked Tony Gibson and Bill Warnett for their past work.

## 9. Captains Reports

Like the Executive Reports these had all been circulated in advance so instead of reading them out members were asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised. Ian Hollingsworth asked that league players let him know if they were available so that if we were short of numbers for a fixture he could contact them. Ann Cowling also thanked all the Ladies who had played this year in Cup, League and Friendly Matches.

## 10 Proposals (Votes were taken by a show of hands on all proposals)

### 1. Proposal by the Executive Committee

#### **This proposal is to create an Executive Committee position of Greenkeeper**

In view of our most important asset the Executive Committee would like to create the position of Greenkeeper and that the works relating to this position be removed from the Asset Coordinator Job Role

**Reason:** The position of Greenkeeper is a specialised role and does not really fit in with the other roles undertaken by the Executive Committee

#### **THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED**

### 2. Proposal by the Executive Committee

#### **This proposal is that Roland Bath should be made a life member**

#### **Reason:**

Roland has been a member of the club for in excess of 40 years and over that time has held numerous positions including Men's Captain and President. Even now he undertakes various duties and is always available if and when the need arises.

#### **THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED**

### 3. Proposal by the Executive Committee

#### **Membership Subscriptions and Rink Charges**

The inclusion of actual membership fees in the constitution should be removed and replaced with '**Annual Fees will be agreed at the AGM**'. This would save amending the constitution every time the Executive Committee proposed any changes.

It is also proposed that for membership starting from May 2022, that the rates for membership are as follows:

Outdoor and Indoor Member	£100
Outdoor Member	£85
Indoor Member	£15
Social Member	£10

#### **THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED**

#### **4. Proposal by the Executive Committee**

##### **Membership Renewal Dates**

It is proposed that the indoor renewal date be amended to 1 May each year. This will make the administration of the membership far easier in that the task would only have to be once a year.

**THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED**

#### **5. Proposal by the Executive Committee**

##### **Inclusion of a Force Majeure Clause**

The Executive Committee, following the pandemic realised that in the event of a National Emergency, they did not necessarily have authority to make the decisions needed for the club to continue to operate without the need to call an EGM. The Executive Committee would therefore like to propose the following be added to the Constitution:

##### **SECTION 13: FORCE MAJEURE (SPECIAL POWERS)**

In the event of a national crisis, instructions from Authorities (Local or National), or other significant emergency the executive committee is authorised to make appropriate decisions to ensure the safety of the club, its members, and compliance with legislation and official guidance. Any decisions made under the authority of this clause will remain in force until ratified by an AGM or EGM or until official guidance allows.

**THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED**

#### **11. Election of Officers and Captains**

Nomination papers had been posted in the clubhouse and as only one person submitted themselves for each post they were duly elected in bulk by a show of hands:

##### **Executive Committee**

Chairperson	JANET MOORE
Administration Coordinator	HENRY RICHBELL
Club Treasurer	DERRICK ALFORD
Bowls Co-ordinator	EDDIE DILLEY
Functions Co-ordinator	STEVE LOVELL
Assets Co-ordinator	TONY WOOLLARD
Greenkeeper	PAUL KELLY

##### **Captains**

Men's Team Captain	PAUL KELLY
Lady's Team Captain	ANN COWLING
Mixed Games Captain	IAN HOLLINGSWORTH

#### **12 Election of Auditor**

This matter was deferred to the EGM to be held once the accounts were completed.

**13 Items for Future Discussion**

The chairperson then advised that as no written questions had been put forward prior to the meeting what would now happen was that any questions the members had would be taken down, discussed at the next Executive Meeting and a reply sent to the member raising the question and the same reply posted in the Executive minutes.

Mike Connor raised the question of the 'Think Tank' and asked if it should be reinstated.

**14 The Chairperson (Janet Moore) closed the meeting at 19.40 pm**

Signed: .....  
Janet Moore (Chairperson)

Date: .....2022

## Appendix A- **Admin Co-Ordinators Report**

Following the EGM in February 2020 where the various roles were revised to try and spread the workload, I agreed to take on the role of Admin Co-ordinator, little did I know what was just around the corner. So, although I have been in post for 21 months, this will be my first report as Admin Co-Ordinator.

2020 was as we all know was a year like no other that any of us have experienced and so as well as having to learn what I was expected to do, the Executive Committee also had to deal with the pandemic. So, the first thing I would say is that I would like to apologise for any errors or omissions that I have made.

My report this year is much shorter than those that the Club Secretary has delivered in the past as each Executive Member has submitted their own report.

Firstly, I would like to thank Chris Williams for his sterling work as Membership Secretary and to Jay Merrell for the fantastic job he does with the website and keeping us all up to date with what is going on. Also, thanks must go to Di and David Dagg for keeping the club in the press and finally to Brian Wombwell who offered to become Admin Assistant and has been brilliant at taking the minutes at our meetings and for his valuable knowledge of club matters in general.

In early 2021, Richard Fox tendered his resignation as a trustee and Win Courtney completed her term of office and under the constitution has to step down. Thanks must go to both of them for their time as trustees.

As a result, the current Trustees are Tony Gibson, Clive Manning, Derek Vile & Martin Speakman and I would like to thank Derek Vile for his valuable assistance on this matter and for drawing up the appropriate documentation.

Regrettably, during the period covering this report, John Troake advised us that he would no longer be able to fulfil the role of Child Protection Officer, although he has offered to assist in a consultancy role if and when the need arises. Gill Groves also stood down as one of our Safeguarding Officers but very kindly took up the position of Welfare Officer. Gill has now decided to step down from this and I would like to thank her for all her efforts. As a club we therefore need to find a new welfare officer as well as Safeguarding Officers which Janet Moore and I have been caretaking.

In February, we started the 2020 Outdoor Season renewal registration process, which was based on the same concept as last year but playing came to an abrupt halt when lockdown was implemented. Many thanks to everyone who renewed their membership. The 2020 indoor membership was waived due to the pandemic so in 2021 it was decided that for administrative purposes we would amend the membership date to 1<sup>st</sup> May to bring it in line with the Outdoor Membership. At the same time, we offered members a discount on Outdoor membership for the 2021 season only due to the limited time playing was allowed in 2020. I should like to thank everyone, as in doing so it made the registration process so much easier for those involved with it.

Since the last AGM we have introduced the BowIR booking and membership recording system, which despite a few hiccups at the start, has worked well. We continue to liaise with them to see if we can get improvements made as our membership raise them. Regrettably not all requests can be incorporated by BowIR but they do support us when needed.

Like most clubs over the Pandemic we have lost members and our membership is down around 20% on two years ago. Our current membership figures are as follows:

	Gentlemen	Ladies
Outdoor and Indoor	71	45
Outdoor Only	8	0
Indoor Only	14	12
Social	11	17

Henry Richbell

## Appendix B- Assets coordinator's report 2020 /2021

All of the regular maintenance and servicing is up to date including alarms, fire extinguishers, heating, and portable appliances.

Before the pandemic, and following recommendations from a fire safety report, we had a new front door fitted which opens outwards. At the same time, we had a canopy fitted above the door. We did find problems with fitting a door entry system to the new door due to poor availability of parts. This has now been completed and the fob system is working. We are experiencing some problems with the door jamming after people have wedged it open. If the door keeps jamming, we will investigate a solution.

During the pandemic a team of us reconfigured the clubroom to move the bar and give more usable space in the clubroom. This included building work, carpentry, new lighting, painting, and a new floor. At the same time, we arranged for internet access to be installed and laptops made available for booking rinks etc. Other than a few minor tidying up jobs all the work is complete. While this work was being done it was found that the loft area above the clubroom was getting very wet due to condensation. A survey found this to be due to the vents at the side being blocked by excess loft insulation, and also that there was excess insulation across the top of the rafters. The excess insulation has been professionally removed and the loft area is now dry.

Also, during the pandemic, we fitted two ventilation fans in the indoor rink so that the rink complied with building reg's and allowed the rink to be used safely. We were able to obtain free advice from a local ventilation specialist, who also arranged discount on the fans for us.

We had the carpet in the indoor rink stretched last year by a specialist. They reported that the fixings for the grippers down the sides were failing and that they all needed refixing. We are asking specialist for quotes to do this and anticipate it being done next summer.

There is still some work to be done which includes minor repairs to lead flashing and some pointing outside; and servicing the oven in the kitchen. The main project is updating the changing rooms. We have already spoken to the ladies and plans have been produced. We will involve the men in discussions about their changing room and the exec will decide upon the visitors changing room.

Outside we have purchased some extra benches for spectators and the outdoors team have kept the area around the green well maintained. The greenkeeping team have responsibility for the upkeep of the green and will give a separate report.

Tony Woollard

## Appendix C- **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2021**

As we were unable to hold our AGM in November 2020 this is my first report and will cover the period from my election at our AGM in November 2019 until the present.

As no one came forward to be Club Secretary the workload was taken on by myself and other Club Members. We also had a problem with only 3 voting members of the Executive Committee and it became apparent we could not operate the Club with so few. I must thank Jay Merrell who came up with a new Management Structure which would spread the workload amongst more Club Officers. The Executive Committee recommended that the proposed Management Structure go to the General Committee for their approval which was given. We convened a Special General Meeting on 24th February 2020, prior to the meeting Jay had prepared answers to questions that members had asked before the Meeting. At the meeting a presentation was given by Jay and a vote was taken. Although some reservations were expressed the motion was passed with the Management Structure to start with immediate effect. My next task was to ask for volunteers for the new Executive Committee Members. The following Officers were elected: Henry Richbell - Admin, Eddie Dilley-Bowls, Tony Woollard-Assets and Steve Lovell-Functions. At our first Executive Meeting held on the 20th March 2020 it was decided that they would all have the title of Coordinator.

With Covid we took the decision to Close the Club on 18 March 2020 to protect our members. We had all hoped that this would be a short-term measure but of course it proved otherwise. 2020 proved to be difficult with very limited Bowling. Henry was able to organise some Club competitions and a few Friendly Matches with local Clubs were played. Thanks must go to Tony Gibson and Henry Richbell for their work on our Grant Applications to Sport England and SW and Taunton Council which were successful. With the money received in Grants we were able to renovate the Clubhouse and purchase new furniture. Thanks must go to Derrick Alford, Steve Lovell and Tony Woollard for the work they carried out and also to all those members who removed rubble and painted. Their hard work has given us a Clubroom to be proud of. This Outdoor season has been an improvement on last year, although still far from normal. To protect members, it has been necessary to close the Club for 2 short periods this Summer.

Executive Committee meetings during lockdowns were conducted every month via Zoom and all minutes posted on the Website. Thanks to Tony Woollard for organising our Zoom meetings. Members were encouraged to sign up to email alerts for news items. Thanks to Brian Wombwell for the Newsletters he produced which, were circulated by email and hand delivered to members who did not have email addresses. Tony Gibson resigned as our Treasurer in January. Many thanks to Tony for his work as Treasurer and agreeing to Assist our Asset Coordinator. Derrick Alford agreed to take over as Treasurer and the Executive Committee approved his appointment. I would also like to thank our Captains, all of our other Club Staff who look after the Green, Garden, Maintenance, Bar, Catering Social and Admin tasks, without them the Club would not be the success that it is.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their hard work, without them we would not have the superb Club that we have. No organisation can remain the same in our changing world and I would urge members to come up with solutions to any problems that they think need to be improved upon. It's easy to criticise and not come up with ideas or solutions to resolve problems.

Finally thank you to all Club Members for your support of the Club during the exceptional times we have been through. We look forward to the next year and hopefully a return to our normal Club activities.

Janet Moore

## Appendix D- **Functions Co- Ordinator Report.**

This has been a very trying time for everyone this year as probably anyone else has already said before me.

I would like to thank everyone that has volunteered during this period of unknowing times.

Without these volunteers our club would not survive or even look as it does today Our Social team have been working hard behind the scenes to get your club events up and running and succeeding, going by the support we are getting back from members and the attendance at these events all seems to be going very well, we welcome anyone that wishes to join the social team you may have some different ideas to bring to the table please come and speak to me.

Unfortunately, this year we were not able to do proper teas at our friendly matches so we have had to make do with Tea and Biscuits, this was a preferred choice by the majority of clubs we were playing, hopefully we will be getting back to normality in the next summer season.

Tea Rotas I would like to say a big thanks to Ann Cowling and Wyn Courtney for the work they put into the tea rota which they have been doing for many years and have now decided to step down, but at the ladies meeting in September a member has volunteered to do this. All members will be expected to do a tea duty at some point during the summer season.

Since we have managed to start events our bar takings have now gone back up as has our membership, I have been approached by Thatcher's Cider to see if we can promote their product in our new bar maybe this will be on Draught in the very near future we will see.

I would also like to thank John Cherry for all the work he has done over the last few years sorting out the Torquay Bowls tour this has not been an easy task for John with all the cancellations and covid but he has succeeded to get us back to Torquay this year, I am hoping that I can carry on this for John in the forthcoming years.

Another person to thank is Mike Connors for all his efforts organising Christmas raffle for many years I am sure you all got pestered at some point to buy a ticket or two, but at the end there were so many prizes it was well worth it if you won, so now its myself doing the pestering and as Mike did you will be getting a whole sheet or two to sell. If you have not got a sheet please see me after the meeting, we are also grateful for any Donated prizes towards the Christmas raffle.

Lastly, I would like to thank all you the members for all your support during the last couple of years.

All your future events are listed on the notice boards.  
Let's Hope we can all work together and get everything correct in the coming year.

Steve Lovell

## Appendix E- Green Keepers Report October 2021

The winter maintenance has been completed on Tuesday 12 October Two weeks later than planned due to the late delivery of Top Dressing. It was not looking like we would receive any top dressing in time despite ordering in early August. A national shortage blamed on Covid.

The weather gods were on our side and with this latest drier period and warm days we should see the seed showing growth in the next week.

We now start the winter programme; winter chemicals and feeds have been purchased and on site. We will cut the grass once regrowth exceeds 10mm and cut at 10 mm when weather permits.

The scarification took out 14 dumpy bags of thatch, scarifying hard to reduce the thatch layer on the green, has reduced the occurrence of disease this summer with only one application of fungicide required.

Last spring's dry and cold period led to thin grass areas not recovering from the spring scarification creating bare patches when bowling started. Lesson learned I will reduce the scarification around the green edges where grass wear is hardest.

I must give a big thank you to Nick Channon, David Beaudet, and Ernie Windsor for their support and time dedicated to maintaining and improving the Green and surrounding areas. The team work efficiently and seamlessly with a smile and good humour in all weathers. We have also been well supported by playing members when extra hands are required.

The dedication is evident in the playing surface being good all season, our aim when we took the green maintenance in house was to have the best playing surface in the area. Feedback from visiting teams suggest we are close to achieving our goal. The challenge now is to deliver consistency year on year.

Paul Kelly

## Appendix F- Ladies **Captain's Report Years 2020 and 2021**

### **2020**

As every member knows that due to the Covid-19 lock down rules it was a very strange season and the only friendly ladies' game was at the end of the season against North Petherton. As the summer last year was kind to us the club managed a number of mixed friendlies, home and away, which I feel sure helped a number of our members through this terrible pandemic.

### **2021**

At the start of the season, we held our usual practice session as a "warm up" for the season and to meet up again.

A few of our friendlies and league games were cancelled or rescheduled due to not enough players, not just our club, or the restrictions on travelling arrangements.

South & South West Ladies' League: Two of the teams in this league pulled out, Queen Camel & Westlands, and regrettably two games which were rescheduled for the end of season were cancelled – Yeovil and Ilminster. Therefore, was not a positive season for us, but I must thank everyone who played in the other games.

SBA Cup/Trophy Matches (Singles, pairs, triples and rinks): First round match, at home, was the Southey Trophy against Clarence Bowling Club of Weston super Mare. It was a very friendly game and the sun shone for us.  
we won final score: Wellington 78 Clarence 54

Second round match, also at home, was against Taunton Deane Bowling Club. It was a morning game and the weather was most definitely not good, dull and drizzling. We did not win, Wellington 54 Taunton Deane 71

SBA Fear Cup/Plate Match (3 rinks): This was game was away to Mark Moor Bowling Club.

After an awful journey we were made most welcome and again good weather.  
We won this game: Wellington 79 Mark Moore 40

Second round should have been against North Petherton – they could not get enough players.

Third round was away against Bridgwater, Victoria Park – also very welcoming and good weather. We did not win: Wellington 57 Bridgwater 67

All our players were fully committed to these games and put in every effort to win. As the saying goes "you win some you lose some", but 2022 could be a different "ball game".

A very big thank you to all the ladies who signed up to play, my two selectors who stepped in at the beginning of the season, and those who did the teas for our matches. I apologise if I have left anyone out not intentional.

Ladies, what an end to the season – winning against the men 75 to 41, with a little help from the men who joined our teams. It was a good way to end the season with the BBQ for which I would like to thank everyone involved in the preparation, cooking and serving us – brilliant.

Let us all hope that Covid does not take hold this Winter  
Everyone, please take great care.  
Ann Cowling (Ladies' Captain)

## Appendix G- **Men's Captain Report 2021 Outdoor Season**

The Season 2021 was unfortunately dominated by Covid, every player who turned out for Wellingtons matches has to be congratulated for their resilience and determination to play Bowls. As a club we had the numbers of players willing to play far in excess than other bowling clubs, that allowed me as Captain to select teams to fulfil our fixtures. We were fortunate that the West Somerset Triples and Devon O60 Triples allowed us to play competitive bowls, the WSL while reduced in the number of games gave us nine weeks of matches and the Devon 0.60 half a season. With no promotion or relegation, the matches were strongly competitive and that was very welcome after a season with no competitive Matches.

All three teams in the Devon O60 were playing a division higher having gained promotions in 2019 season. The A team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, the B team Seventh, the C team Fourth. Both the B and C teams had a lot of original play dates rearranged due to Covid outbreaks at, also by us as a precautionary measure after away team players reported they had tested positive after playing at Wellington. Both the B and C teams ran out of time to play all of our matches and conceded matches that adversely affected our league positions.

Following member's feedback enough interest was expressed that we have entered another side and been accepted by the league for the 2022 season. All Wellington teams in the league will have a name change for 2022 becoming Wellington Lions, Panthers, Pumas and Leopards. I am anticipating a roaring challenge for 2022.

The WSL triples league the Wellington C team had the highest league position of 3<sup>rd</sup>. the B team 4<sup>th</sup> and the A team 6<sup>th</sup>. Well done to both the C and B teams. While the A team did not get those all-important wins, they enjoyed some very competitive matches with the results down to single shots costing us win points, they finished the season with equal shots for and against of 260.

With Covid restrictions early season the Somerset Saturday matches were planned a June start, due to delayed Covid restrictions the league was cancelled. Clubs then were left to organise club to club games. A huge thank you to Jay who as fixture secretary had a challenging season as matches were cancelled, rearranged and altered in format continually through the season. But we played regularly and enjoyed the bowling. Both the A and B teams had some very good results that has helped all bowlers that played, to refresh the skills and match sharpness that we missed the previous season.

What was very evident is that the match enjoyment is not just on the green playing, but in the social interaction after matches. As restrictions eased being able to sit indoors (socially distanced) and enjoy post-match food and drinks enhanced the bowling experience. All Wellington bowlers are very appreciative of the effort made by those non playing members that provided Food and Drinks during the season your efforts enhanced the match day enjoyment.

I hope that we can get back to a normal season in 2022 and look forward to seeing more members making themselves available for selection.

Paul Kelly

We count ourselves very fortunate at Wellington to have been able to complete a full season of mixed friendly matches, beginning in early May and running through to late on in September. For that we have to be immensely grateful to Jay Merrell for his constant devotion to maintaining contact with other clubs, being willing to be adaptable and determined to make the best of our opportunities. We are also grateful to the many players, mostly not senior league players, for making themselves so regularly available and being willing to travel to sometimes quite distant away venues. Many of those players were relatively new to competitive bowling and it was a privilege to see them enjoying their bowls and improving as the season went on. We are also grateful to all those members who gave their time to prepare and serve the teas or run the bar. Particular thanks go to Ann Cowling and Alan Moore for organising the tea and bar rotas so efficiently.

I was unable to play many games because of other bowls and work commitments, but I well remember a match in September towards the end of the season at Bridgewater when I was delighted to see how much players had improved to a point where we were able to not only give them a great match, but beat them convincingly. It is fair to say that this was not always the case and over the course of the season we lost more matches than we won. Everyone likes to win, but the important point remains that players who might not get a chance to play competitive bowls in other clubs really do get the chance at Wellington. Usually those players enjoyed the experience, but inevitably there were bad days. I will not dwell on them except to say that it is my great hope that we don't have to play mixed friendlies on Axminster's carpet ever again!

Throughout the season there were inevitable challenges in terms of organisation, largely because there was never certainty that teams Jay had booked matches with would actually play them. It was rather a shame that a number of matches that had been organised and teams selected were subsequently cancelled by the opposition, or in some cases, the weather. It appeared that some teams had great difficulty in finding players prepared to travel to away venues; a problem we also had, but to a lesser extent than most.

Looking ahead to 2022 we hope for a good spread of fixtures throughout the season with an even mix of home and away games and perhaps fewer of those really long journeys. It is my hope and ambition that we can continue the progress made this season, making sure that while we give everyone who wants to play the opportunity to do so, we are as competitive as we can be. But, most of all, we will continue to be a club that everyone likes to play against and visit, because we are so friendly and welcoming. That remains the job of everyone who decides to play.

Ian Hollingsworth, October 2021

## Appendix I- **Bowls Co-ordinators Report**

We were closed most of 2019 for obvious reasons and we started on the outdoor season in April/May of this year.

Considering the difficulties we had at the start of the season with Covid safety regulations, which continue still, although not as rigidly, we have done well all things considered.

We did have two small hiccups but not of our making. We started bowling again in May with the friendlies and league matches, which went very well. We had cancellations from some clubs due to the concerns over the virus, and would not travel to us.

We had members who were also concerned about shared transport, although this did get easier as time went on. We had the bar open when we had friendly and league matches which helped a lot.

Although it was a difficult year, we had an enjoyable year with all members being able to play and therefore keeping the club open.

I have introduced Short mat Bowling to give the members an opportunity to try it, with a view to maybe joining a league next year if members show enough interest and support. It is a completely different game and hopefully will introduce more members to the club.

Eddie Dilley