

## Colts update for 2025 / 2026 season

In the summer of 2025, Heidi & I got the flyer out to every single club, earlier than ever before. We also spoke to several players that we met whilst watching bowls outdoors last summer, & the recruitment drive has certainly paid off.

This resulted in nine new additions to the Devon Colts, all of these young bowlers are aged 15 years and under.

At our first get together on the 5th of October, these new additions, were very quickly integrated into the squad.

Coaching the players this year once again is Ian Turner, who we thank enormously for his time & commitment to the future of Devon Bowls.

Four of our new additions have made rapid progress, & they have been fast tracked into the Under 25's National Double Rink side, we are playing against Somerset (Home & Away) proving a very clear pathway that we firmly believe in, that if you are good enough, then you are old enough.

We are about to embark on a very busy 'second half of our indoor season', where apart from the National game(s), we will also be participating in several friendlies around the County.

Going forward....

We very much hope (that with the help of the affiliated clubs) they can find us even more additions to the Colts squad, our numbers are now into the low twenty's, a number not achieved for at least the last 8 - 9 Indoor seasons.

It is our aim to keep this young squad together, not only will they be playing again next year in National Under 25's, but also National Under 18's games as well, & the experience they will gain this year in the game against Somerset, will stand them in good stead for next season & beyond.

The future of bowls at this level, is at long last starting to look very rosy indeed.

Further updates on our season will be posted in the coming weeks & months.

Kindest regards.

Adam & Heidi Fielder

Devon Colts, Under 18's & Under 25's Managers.