

The Talgarth Bowling Club Annual Report to Charity Commission 2021

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity Number 1187416

The Trustees of The Talgarth Bowling Club present their annual report and independently examined accounts for the year ended 30 September 2021 and confirm that they comply with the annual reporting requirements of the Charity Commission.

The principal office of the CIO is Talgarth Bowling Club, King George V Playing Fields, Westfields, Talgarth, Brecon, Powys, Wales.

The Aim of the Club

The aim of the CIO is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Talgarth and District by the provision of facilities for playing lawn bowls.

Review of the Season

Due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic, the start of the season was delayed by a few weeks. However, the Mid Wales men's and Brecon and Radnor women's leagues did go ahead. Talgarth men participated in their league but Talgarth women decided not to join in this year due to concerns about travelling to away games. The mixed team Tarmac League was cancelled as not enough teams wished to participate. Clubs who wished to, played a number of friendly matches later in the season. The men's county competitions were held and a limited number of women's competitions were also played.

A number of club members participated in charity tournaments at other greens and played well.

Centenary Events

The club pulled together with gazebos on loan from the Talgarth Festival Committee to put on two special centenary events. In a June Open Day, ex-members, Town Councillors and members from the local community were invited for afternoon tea and bowls. Local centenarian, Mr John Gwynne, hoisted the centenary flag and many tried their hand at lawn bowls for the first time.

In July, Talgarth invited a mixed team from the Welsh Bowling Association and Welsh Women's Bowling Association to Talgarth where they played in mixed rinks for the first time on Welsh soil. There were many compliments about the high standard of the bowling green. Many thanks are owed to our conscientious and hard working volunteer green keepers for their dedication.

In August a Centenary Tournament was organised which took place in fine weather and was fully supported by entrants from all over Wales. This proved to be an excellent fund raiser as well as a great day of competition. This was a team effort from so many people including friends and family of club members.

Due to anxieties about the continued circulation of Covid-19 in the community, the September visit from the Barbarians was cancelled by them. This has been rearranged for next season.

Community Sessions

Tuesday evening 'have a go' sessions continued throughout the season to which we invited members from local sports and community groups culminating in an informal 'tournament'. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 situation, the schools programme did not proceed this year. It is hoped that this will be reinstated next season.

The local Municipal League was organised this year for triples teams and a knock out competition also took place after a break of a year due to the pandemic.

Grow for Talgarth and Wales in Bloom

Lottery funding enabled a special effort by club members and the grounds team for a splendid floral display celebrating 100 years of Talgarth Bowling Club. The club was also included on the tour for the Wales in Bloom judging. Grow for Talgarth was successful in obtaining a Gold in this competition and the town will host the presentation event for this competition next year.

Fundraising Efforts

A number of fundraising activities have been curtailed by the pandemic but the 100 club draws did take place. It is anticipated that next season will offer a better opportunity to reinstate previous funding streams which have proved successful in the past. We hope to organise an annual tournament along the lines of the Centenary Tournament to make the most of the excellent playing surface we now have at Talgarth but also to add to the club's funds.

Audrey Micklewright
Secretary
18 October 2021