

Goxhill Bowling Club

Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 31 October 2025

Charity registration number	1195169
Trustees (<i>currently & for the whole period unless shown otherwise</i>)	Peter TK Cox Christine M Ellis John Guggiari Anthony W Hebblewhite <i>Trustee from 28/01/2025</i> Stewart G Smith <i>Trustee until 28/01/2025</i> Irene EM Ballam
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The Trustees submit their annual report and financial statements covering the year ending 31 October 2025. Goxhill Bowling Club ('the Club') is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Objects

The objects of Goxhill Bowling Club CIO ('the Charity') are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the inhabitants of Goxhill and the neighbouring area through providing a green and other facilities for bowling.

Review of activities during the period

After the success of 2024's bowls tasters for pupils of Baysgarth Secondary School, we arranged a repeat event that was similarly well-received. This consisted again of several consecutive hour-long sessions across a morning. Nevertheless, whilst this is an effective means of promoting bowling, we cannot realistically view it as likely to recruit junior members without the support of adults in their families. We considered the viability of running some after school hours or weekend roll-ups - aimed at young people accompanied by their parents or grandparents – but lacked volunteers available to run them.

Our usual Tuesday afternoon bowls drives, open for anyone to attend on a pay-as-you-go basis, ran throughout the summer season thanks to Club volunteers running them. These drives provide a pleasant, sociable way for new and existing bowlers to mix and develop, as well as being a shop window for our Club and our green. They continue to be both an effective recruitment tool and a contributor to our funds.

We have continued to invest in our bowling green, including renovation and fertilizer treatments, although this is becoming increasingly unaffordable. But a good quality green undeniably helps ensure that bowling is as enjoyable as possible for both newcomers and experienced players so it must remain high on our list of priorities. However, more important even than the level of expenditure is the voluntary labour of our 'Green Team' who generously commit their time to the many tasks needed to keep the green, and the whole Manor Lane site, at their best.

We converted to a charitable incorporated organization in 2021 primarily to become a legal entity able to hold a lease in the Charity's name rather than via custodian trustees. After several false starts, at long last a twenty years lease was completed early in 2025. This followed protracted exchanges between the Charity Commission and our landlord, the charity Goxhill Memorial Hall & Recreation Ground, to whom we are very grateful for their perseverance on our behalf.

Our biggest sources of regular income remained membership subscriptions at £1,860 and match fees. Unfortunately, financial pressures on local businesses seem to have been the reason why almost half of our advertizers did not renew their boards and that source of income fell to £600 from £1,250 in 2024. We can only hope that there might be an upturn in both the national and local economies with advertizing income returning to us. With all areas of expense increasing, we have again run a deficit, despite increasing

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membership fees. When the opportunity came this year to obtain an almost 90% grant for the purchase of a new mower for the bowling green, we were happy to invest £1.1K from our reserves. Thanks to the Community Grant scheme of North Lincolnshire Council, we now have a high-quality mower that will reduce our maintenance and repair costs and at the same time last us for many years.

Having considered the Charity's reserves at the end of the year, the Trustees are satisfied that, even in their much-diminished state, they remain just sufficient to cover essential running costs along with a modest contingency fund. However, we are seeking ways to improve our income through reviving past income streams, like the advertizing boards, and identifying potential new sources of revenue.

At sporting level, we thank our league captains who, on occasions last season, had a difficult job ensuring that we were able to put out full teams to honour our league match commitments. In results we were mostly around the middle of the league tables: 2nd of 6 teams in the Barnetby & District Bowling League; 4th of 10 teams in the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League's First Division; 5th of 7 teams in the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowling Association's Premier Division; and 6th of 9 teams in the North Lincolnshire Bowls Triples Leagues' Mixed First Division. We had no real cup success, even having to concede once because of insurmountable fixture clashes. Whilst fun and enjoyment of the personal challenges of the sport are the normal route that individuals come to bowls, the majority like to progress to league bowling once they have mastered the basics. Therefore, we will stay in all four leagues in order to provide plentiful playing opportunities and hopefully we will be able to achieve greater success in 2026. Not only does the publicity of success helps attract new members, it undeniably helps retain those single-minded bowlers for whom bowling is primarily about honours and trophies.

The Trustees wish to record their gratitude to the many volunteers who help the Charity and Club achieve success through their selfless commitment and enthusiasm. We rely on everyone who helps whether it is through fundraising, greenkeeping, community activity, running gala days & competitions, team selections, match arrangements, and all the many administrative tasks that help us achieve our objectives.

Management and responsibilities

The Trustees collectively administer the charity. Trustees must be Members of the charity and are elected at its Annual General Meeting with one-third of them retiring at each AGM but eligible for re-election. Additional Trustees to fill vacancies may be co-opted during the year until a maximum of nine trustees are in post. Names of all current Trustees, along with those who served in that capacity during the year, appear on page 1 of this report.

The Trustees recognize their collective responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis, with the resulting report included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 8th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

John Guggiari

Goxhill Bowling Club CIO

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 31 October 2025

Receipts		2024/25	2023/24
	Note	£p	£p
Fundraising			
Raffles & Cards		202.00	186.00
Refreshments		128.75	206.40
Bowls drives		466.00	364.00
Pavilion use	1	410.00	275.00
Advert boards	2	600.00	1,250.00
Grants	3	9,500.00	1,790.00
Donations		111.50	122.00
Club Member Fees			
Subscriptions		1,860.00	1,610.00
Match fees		1,450.00	1,684.00
Ind.Comp entries		98.25	189.50
Tournament Fees			
Open		480.00	315.00
Club		131.00	103.25
Other		43.00	-
Other			
Club & League dinners		180.00	249.00
Club shirts		33.50	114.00
Sundry receipts		30.00	46.48
Suspense		-	-
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		15,724.00	8,504.63

Payments**Club Member fees**

County & League affiliations	389.00	391.00
Match travel	939.50	1,628.50
Ind.Comp entries	98.25	189.50

Prizes & Trophies

Open prizes & engraving	224.50	184.00
Club trophy engraving	-	87.50

Repairs & Maintenance

Mowers & green equipment	660.78	558.00
Sprinkler irrigation system	200.00	-
Sheds R&M	-	-
Pavilion	9.00	1,557.33
Other R&M	576.19	78.76
New fixed assets	4 10,849.96	314.97

Green Maintenance

Fertilizer & seed	5 -	1,053.00
Petrol & oil	93.24	155.96
Contract services	5 -	1,176.00

Other recurring costs

Electricity	6 509.02	449.22
Water	497.22	249.76
Insurance	7 557.09	403.09
Green waste collection	836.40	140.80

Donations

GMH	-	250.00
In memorium	20.00	30.00
Other	-	60.00

Administrative

Post & stationery	33.49	78.22
Club shirts for stock	-	271.26
Club & League dinners	110.00	181.85
Lease legal fees	8 723.40	-
Sundry payments	121.94	55.78
Suspense	-	-

17,448.98	9,544.50
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Net surplus (deficit)

(1,724.98)	(1,039.87)
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b/f cash & bank balances

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Returnable deposits	(60.00)	(60.00)
Cash TH	1,230.47	184.56
Cash JG	12.24	36.79
Barclays Bank	1,173.48	3,919.82
	2,356.19	4,081.17

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 October 2025

		31-Oct-25	30-Oct-24
Cash funds		£	£
Barclays current account		1,173.48	3,919.82
Petty cash		1,242.71	221.35
less returnable key deposits		(60.00)	(60.00)
		<u>2,356.19</u>	<u>4,081.17</u>
Assets retained for own use	1	£	£
Buildings			
Club Pavilion	2	133,320	133,320
Storage container	3	2,500	2,500
Shed (old pavilion)	5	6,000	6,000
Visitors chalet		4,440	4,440
		<u>146,260</u>	<u>146,260</u>
Maintenance equipment			
Dennis FT610 mower c/w 10 blade cassette		8,610	-
Dennis D110TT verticutter cassette		1,998	-
Allett Tournament 24 mower	6	1,000	7,000
Atco Royale (winter mower)	6	1,000	1,500
Mountfield ride-on mower		1,112	1,112
Viking mower		399	399
Sprinkler system	5	5,000	5,000
Strimmers x2	4	450	450
Stihl hedgetrimmer (long-reach, battery)		385	385
Hedgecutter (petrol)		200	200
Stihl blower (petrol)		250	250
Allett spiker attachment	5	200	200
John Deere scarifier att.	5	200	200
Cobra scarifier	5	300	300
Drag brush		186	186
Air compressor		108	108
		<u>21,398</u>	<u>17,290</u>
Other			
Bowling green	7	25,000	25,000
Fencing		2,900	2,900
Electric fencing		416	416
Bowling equipment	5	1,264	1,160
Trophies	5	500	500
Junior Ace bowls (3 sets)		385	385
Pavilion kitchen fixtures		3,950	3,950
CCTV		175	175
Trophy cabinet		242	-
Pavilion shelving		165	165
Stock of shirts: 16 new & 7 pre-owned		377	410
		<u>35,374</u>	<u>35,061</u>
		<u>203,032</u>	<u>198,611</u>