

BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Brixham Bowling Club was founded in 1913 and was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in December 2021. Consequently, this is our third annual report for the Commission and the Financial Summary of the audited accounts for the year ending 30th September 2024 are attached.

As stated in our governing document the primary object of the Club is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Torbay and the South Devon area by the provision of facilities for playing bowls. The Club shall be affiliated to Bowls England & Bowls Devon. It shall adopt and conform to Bowls England Rules & Regulations and the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games of bowls.

During the year we concluded a new 40 year lease with our landlord, Torbay Council and initiated a project to improve access to the Pavilion and Bowling Green for people with disabilities.

We organised a very successful 'try it' day at the beginning of the new season when people of all ages were encouraged to come along and have a go at the sport with the aid and encouragement of more experienced players. A large and varied group of people enjoyed the event, 16 of whom joined us as novice members over the following few weeks.

We provide support to people who wish to become members, particularly those who have never played the game before. For those new to the sport, we offer a reduced subscription and free coaching. All new members are encouraged to take part in friendly games both between our own members and against local and touring sides. During the 2024 season, in addition to our weekly Club evenings, we organised 23 friendly matches, and 21 of our members took part in a five-day tour to Praia da Rocha in the Algarve. We were also able to run a full complement of internal club competitions.

As their confidence, and skill increases, all members can participate in league matches of varying degrees of skill level and competitiveness. During 2024 we entered teams in the Riviera Mixed Triples League (organised specifically for developing players), the Men's Over '55s' League (two teams), the Men's Mid Devon League and the Ladies South Devon League (two teams). There was a significant increase this year of club players entering County Competitions with several members reaching the County Finals. In addition, One of our teams won the Over '55s' League Championship for the fourth time in seven years.

Since 2023 we have encouraged members to participate in indoor bowling during the winter period when the green is not available. We now have 33 members actively involved.

At the end of the season, we had 96 playing members, a slight decrease of 7% on the previous season, and we look forward to an excellent season in 2025.

BRIXHAM BOWLING CLUB ACCOUNTS - FINANCIAL ANALYSIS 2023-24

2022-23	RECEIPTS	2023-24	2022-23	PAYMENTS	2023-24
	Opening Balance	£41,028.93		BOWLING GREEN UPKEEP	
£7,848	MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS	£7,825.00		DGM Contract & Materials	£6,805.76
			£8,381	Machinery Costs, Water & Materials	£494.02
	GREEN FEES				£7,299.78
	Club Members	£2,079.10		BOWLING COSTS	
	Visitors	£1,824.00		Affiliation Fees etc.	£1,160.50
	Club Night	£1,053.88		Trophy & Honours Board Costs	£540.50
£3,159	Competition Fees	£415.20		Stationery & Printing	£131.98
			£5,372.18	Bowls Stickers	£7.00
			£1,910		£1,839.98
£348	CATERING	£361.90		SITE COSTS	
				Utilities & Services	£2,280.99
£920	RAFFLES	£887.42		Insurance	£658.52
				Rent & Rates	£216.78
£3,456	BAR	£3,755.64	£3,198	Grounds Maintenance	£28.49
					£3,184.78
	DONATIONS			REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	
	Donation for Picnic Table	£345.00		Replacement Consumer Unit	£1,329.50
	Over 55s Prize	£50.00		Mowers Repair & Servicing	£455.14
	Sale of surplus clothing etc.	£30.00		Grass Banks Maintenance	£450.00
	Sundry Donations	£44.00		Intruder Alarm Servicing	£103.07
			£469.00	Sundry Materials & Repairs	£67.17
			£2,671		£2,404.88
	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES			SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	
	Presentation Lunch 2023	£116.00		Presentation Lunch 2024	£200.00
	Plant Sale	£400.00		Ladies Pre Season Lunch	£1.00
	Christmas Coffee Morning	£385.21			
	Sundries	£37.50			
			£938.71		£201.00
	SALE OF GOODS			PURCHASES	
	Lapel Badges	£10.00		Picnic Table (2)	£703.93
				Bowling Arms (2)	£379.98
				Mens Locker Unit	£216.01
				Card Reader	£94.80
				Club Shirts	£67.84
				Safe	£59.99
				Sundry Purchases	£217.77
					£1,740.32
	OTHER INCOME			OTHER COSTS	
	Pavilion Hire	£700.00		Advertising	£230.58
	Grants & compensation	£599.00		Honoraria	£110.00
	Torbay Lottery	£542.50		Officials Expenses	£87.13
	Sponsorship & advertising	£158.00		Sundries	£42.14
	Interest	£366.46		Printing & Postage	£35.99
			£2,365.96		£505.84
£942	CAPTAINS CHARITY	£687.06		IMPROVEMENTS	
				Remodelled Picnic Area	£2,439.47
				Disabled Access - Preliminary	£2,892.00
					£5,331.47
				Closing Balance	£41,193.75
	TOTAL	£63,701.80		TOTAL	£63,701.80

Location	Type	No	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Bank A/c	Community Account	50242179	£20,550.18	£11,979.82
Bank A/c	Bar Card Reader Account	10227633	£0.00	£3,006.14
Bank A/c	Reserve Account	60654876	£20,186.82	£25,547.78
Cash	General		£299.73	£270.04
Cash	Bar Account		£180.00	£180.00
	Cash Before Adjustments		£41,216.73	£40,983.78
	Subtract Creditors		£407.80	£415.78
	Add Debtors		£220.00	£625.75
	Cash Carried Forward		£41,028.93	£41,193.75
Assets	Shirts		£815.66	£812.00
Assets	Bar Stock		£477.79	£667.54
Assets	Ties, Badges, etc		£452.61	£192.00
	Total Assets		£42,774.99	£42,865.29

Annual Income £30,376.27
Annual Expenditure £30,211.45
Annual Surplus £164.82

Operating Cost / Playing Member £167

Dr D Taylor
Hon Treasurer
10th October 2024

R. M. Gibb 18/10/24

R Gibb
Auditor

"The above accounts have been prepared from the Books and Records of the Club supplied to me by the Treasurer, and, in my opinion from the information available and supplied to me, represent a true and accurate record".