

Trustees' Report 2025

Overview of the Year

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for 2025, highlighting a successful year for the club, particularly in terms of our achievements within the league. Notably, the introduction of the Short Rink session, organised by Tom, contributed positively by increasing membership numbers and providing a wider variety of opportunities for members to enjoy bowls. It is hoped that this initiative will continue to gain popularity in the next season.

Facilities and Improvements

Throughout the year, improvements were made to the gutter edges, enhancing the club's infrastructure. Additionally, there are plans to further smarten up the clubhouse when weather conditions allow. Members are encouraged to share any suggestions or comments regarding future improvements to facilities or the management of the club. Please feel free to approach any committee member or trustee with your ideas.

Trustee Meetings and Governance

The Trustees are normally required to hold at least three meetings annually to ensure the effective running of the club and the management of its finances. However, due to various circumstances, extra meetings were convened to address additional matters.

1. Microsoft Cloud Account: A Microsoft cloud account has been established to aid in the management of club information, making storage and distribution more efficient. The Trustees thank Peter for his dedication in setting this up.
2. Safety Compliance: Safety issues continue to be a priority, with a particular focus this year on the electrical installations, which had not been updated for several years. These were brought up to standard over the summer, and the club now possesses a new electrical safety certificate.
3. Trustee Succession: According to the Club Constitution, trustees may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms, with each term representing a period of time, not necessarily a year. Trustees step down in succession to ensure a balanced and diverse range of ideas and to safeguard against any single individual dominating. After a recent call for applicants, two volunteers have come forward to be announced and voted on in due course.
4. Secretary Vacancy: The club currently faces the challenge of finding a replacement for the outgoing secretary. This prompted an additional meeting to discuss the club's future, as it cannot and must not operate without a secretary. It was suggested that a serving trustee temporarily assume the role, though this is not ideal, as it would result in the club's main responsibilities being managed by just two households. This could place the club at risk should unforeseen circumstances arise.

Members are urged to seriously consider volunteering for the role of secretary in the lead-up to the Election of Officers. Your involvement is vital to the club's future.

In closing, the Trustees wish to extend their gratitude to the committee and all members for another excellent season. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Income	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Expenses	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Membership Subscriptions	£ 1,805.00	£ 1,495.00	£ 1,769.00	Petrol	£ 86.83	£ 29.38	£ 66.54
Green fees	£ -	£ 929.00	£ 892.35	Fund raising costs	£ 283.95	£ 129.26	£ 68.66
Gala event / Whistle stop*	£ 678.90	£ 328.50	£ 388.50				
Touring Teams	£ -	£ -		Insurance/Audit	£ 460.72	£ 537.05	£ 650.83
Grants	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,700.00		Equipment purchased	£ 162.83	£ 573.99	-
Donations	£ 101.00	£ 1.00	£ 20.00	Equipment maintenance	£ 270.67	£ 122.38	£ 84.21
Hudson Competition Fees	£ 25.00	£ -		Ground maintenance	£ 5,233.95	£ 11,386.23	£ 1,788.50
Raffles	£ 343.00	£ 311.00	£ 349.00	Affiliation fees	£ -	£ 320.00	£ 360.70
Other events	£ 160.00	£ 100.00		Electricity	£ 309.17	£ 430.46	£ 2,816.20
Adverts	£ -	£ -		Water	£ 373.42	£ 420.73	£ 419.57
Bank Interest Liq Reserve	£ 163.25	£ 265.83	£ 136.53	Rent	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Sundry Income	£ 5.00	£ 7.50	-	Teas	£ 42.87	£ 44.36	£ 40.12
Stickers/Chalk	£ 17.00	£ 7.20	£ 6.00	Competition/League fees	£ 43.00	£ 25.00	£ 28.00
Shirts/Jackets income	£ 430.00	£ 125.00	£ 225.00	Club Competition Shirts/Jackets purchase	£ 495.00	£ 60.00	£ 250.00
Unrecorded receipts*			£ 180.00	Trophies & Engraving	£ -	£ 34.50	£ 73.00
Owed IOUs			£ -	Training	£ -	£ -	
				Sundries	£ 1,080.80	£ 80.49	£ 79.80
				Gifts	£ 8.69	£ -	
				Banking fees Liq Reserve		£ 21.03	
				Surplus			
				Deficit			
	£8,728.15	£ 6,270.03	£ 3,966.38		£ 8,901.90	£ 14,264.86	£ 6,776.13
				-£ 2,809.75			
Balance Sheet on 1/10/2025							
		1/10/2024		Accumulated Funds 30/09/2024			30/9/25
Current Account		£ 4,496.21		Bankline Current Account			£ 1,529.03
Reserve Account		£ 5,093.82		Liquid Reserve Account			£ 5,230.35
Cash with treasurer		£ -		Cash with treasurer			£ 20.90
		£ 9,590.03					
Surplus for year							
Deficit for year		-£ 2,809.75					
		£ 6,780.28					£ 6,780.28

Peter Standring
Treasurer

28/10/2025