



Buckfastleigh Bowling Club
Duckspond Road
Buckfastleigh
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Trustees' Report 2025

Buckfastleigh Bowling Club was founded in 1921 and was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in November 2024. Consequently, this is our first annual report for the Commission and the audited accounts for the year ending 30th September 2025 are attached in the Treasurer's Report.

As stated in our governing document the primary object of the Club is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in Buckfastleigh and the surrounding area in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of flat green 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.

The Trustees of the Club are: John Sims (Chairman); Tom Bowden; Andy Bowen; John Fox; Sue Heyes; Ann Pedrick and Deni Rudgley.

We organised a very successful Open 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, 13 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 2025 season, in addition to our weekly Club evenings, we organised 20 friendly matches. We have also hosted 2 touring teams. The tourists are not only vital for our Club's finances but touring teams also help the economy of the South West. 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 2025 we entered teams in the Riviera Mixed Triples League (organised specifically for developing players), the Men's Over '55s' League the Ladies South Devon Triples Challenge. We had a very successful season in the Riviera Mixed Triples League, winning our division (runners up last year) but losing out in the final to Kingsteignton.

At the end of the season, we had 40 members, an increase of 50% on the previous season, and we look forward to an excellent season in 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Sims', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Sims
Chairman of the Trustees

4 September 2025

Buckfastleigh Bowls Club

2023/24 Actual	Revenue Account	2024/25 To Date	
£	Income	£	£
1,910	Annual Subscriptions	2,365	
0	Grants	0	
1,200	Sponsorship	1,350	
400	Shirt Sponsorship	0	
24	Donations	1,124	
594	Teas & Draws	481	
0	Annual Dinner	525	
793	Bar Sales	1,724	
133	Competitions	85	
92	Green Fees	774	
178	Clothing	187	
127	Social Events	677	
1,037	Special Fund	0	
0	Ian Howkins Bequest Fund	156	
765	Bank Interest	498	
145	Other Income	322	
7,398			10,268
	Expenditure		
4,022	Green & Machinery	7,718	
918	Premises & Grounds	242	
168	Rent	168	
277	Electricity	238	
288	Water Rates	663	
244	Fire Extinguisher Check	112	
985	Insurance	353	
94	Advertising - BBC	0	
0	Advertising - 3rd Party	0	
47	Printing, Postage & Stationery	16	
70	Bar Licence	70	
42	Website	70	
446	Sundries	10	
0	Annual Dinner	501	
354	Affiliation Fees, Trophies & Prizes	428	
344	Food & Draws	300	
1,128	Clothing	529	
388	Bar Expenses	709	
189	Loss on sale of sprayer	0	
10,004			12,127
(2,606)	Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,859)

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2023/24 Actual	Capital Account	2024/25 To Date	
£	Fixed Assets	£	£
0	Premises	0	
0	Machinery	0	
0			0
	Current Assets		
26,326	Bank	26,565	
102	Cash in Hand	65	
259	Bar Stock	227	
725	Clothing	280	
28	Debtors	438	
27,440			27,575
	Less: Current Liabilities		
100	Creditors	200	
			200
27,340	Net Current Assets		27,375
27,340	Total Assets		27,375
	Financed by:		
	Members Fund		
17,071	Balance B/F	14,465	
(2,606)	Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,859)	
14,465			12,606
	Other Funds		
12,719	Special Fund	14,769	
156	Ian Howkins Bequest Fund	0	
12,875			14,769
27,340	Balance C/F		27,375

Signed as a correct record:

Treasurer:

Tom Buckle

30 September 2025

Auditor:

Mark

12 October 2025