



Members

Welcome Pack

Website: www.willitonbowlingclub.co.uk

Email: willitonbc@btinternet.com

Address: Catwell, Williton, TA4 4PF

Telephone: 01984 633166 / 07484601929

Facebook: Williton Bowling Club

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054634111170

Introduction

Williton Bowling Club is a small club with a friendly group of members. We welcome **new bowlers** of all ages and abilities to the club. We hope you will enjoy playing at our club.

In 2023 the club celebrated it's centenary – here's to the next 100 years.

The club communicates to you as a member using a variety of methods, please let us know which way suits you best:

Website - Email - Whatsapp - Facebook - verbal

Facilities

The club has a 6 rink outdoor green and beautiful garden surround which includes seating for visitors and players to enjoy. In the clubhouse we have a lounge area with licensed bar, dining area and well equipped kitchen. There are men's, ladies' and visitors changing rooms, ladies' and men's toilets.

There is disabled ramp access into the clubhouse and onto the green. We have two wheelchairs for members to use on the green.

All equipment for members to play bowls is available, mats, jacks, scoreboards etc. We also have bowls for new members to borrow until they have decided what size and type of bowl suits them.

New Bowlers – What happens next

Membership

When you start at Williton we offer you 5 free visits to the Club to see if you would like to join. Members need to complete an application form to join, in the first year this goes to the management committee for ratification before approval to join. You can obtain a paper copy of the application form in the clubhouse or apply via the website and the secretary will forward a copy via email. Please return completed forms to the secretary. Payment for membership can be made by BACs, details on the form, cash or cheque. Membership forms are issued annually via email, on the website in the member area and paper copies will be in the clubhouse.

Coaching

If you are new to the game of bowls it is recommended that you attend 2 or 3 sessions with a coach. We have 5 coaches. Coaching is free and dates and times will be advertised. Please turn up 15 mins before the session, put on your flat, smooth soled bowling shoes and select some bowls from the racks in the hallway. The loan of club bowls is free, no need to buy anything at this stage, there are many sizes of bowls and types to try before deciding what suits you.

Roll Ups

Members have friendly 'roll-ups' between themselves 3 times a week and this is a good game for new members to start with. Roll-ups are held on:

Mondays 6pm for 6.15pm start
Wednesdays 1.45pm for 2pm start
Fridays 6pm for 6.15pm start

Matches

Team sheets will be on the board in the hallway, men's and ladies' changing rooms. It helps the captains if all players put their name down on every sheet – available, available if short or not available. There will be a date by which you need to have added your name. The captains then select a team and write it on the same sheet and send it via Whatsapp.

Home games have refreshments, tea and biscuits, sandwiches etc and all member are asked to go on a rota to provide a tea, although probably not in your first year. Members can be reimbursed their costs if they wish. Home games also have a raffle to raise money for the Club, prizes being provided (cost reimbursed, if wished) by those doing the teas.

Away games, the captain will organise drivers and passengers and put this on the team sheet. The driver's petrol costs will be reimbursed. Members should contact their driver for pick up times and location.

Membership cost (2026)

Full member	£90
First year novice bowler	£25
Second year novice bowler	£60
Under 18s	£10
Social membership	£15

Match fees

Roll ups	£1
Matches home & away	£3
Jack Stevens & Evelyn Yandle	£2

Dress code

Members are asked to help look after the green by having a pair of flat, smooth soled shoes for wearing at bowls only. Wearing a different pair of shoes to and from the club, thank you.

Casual, comfortable clothes can be worn when rolling up.

A Williton BC kit shirt is required for friendlies and league matches and competition days. This to be worn with black trousers, shorts or skirts.

Kit purchase

Club shirts are required for matches. You can also purchase trousers, shorts and jackets, if you wish from our supplier –

www.zapkam.com click on 'online club shops' view more. Enter Wil press search Williton Bowling Club logo pops up, click on it, kit appears, continue with your order like any other online shopping.

Competitions

The Club hold competitions for members to enter if they wish. There are singles and pairs competitions which are entered at the beginning of the season via a form which will be sent to members by email and paper copies will be available in the club, competitions cost £1.50 each. There are pairs and triples competitions where you choose your team, again towards the beginning of the season, entry form will be on the competition board and cost £1.50 each.

The competition committee also run all day competitions: Australian pairs, Newman Cup, Memory Cup, Knight Cup and Husband trophy these have different formats which will be advertised in the clubhouse with details.

Competition rules are available on the website.

There is a competition board in the hallway with all the competitions entries for members to keep a track of each round of the competition.

Leagues

CL – County League, men's league played in rinks on Saturday afternoons

WSL – West Somerset League, open triples played on Thursday evenings

ETL – Exmoor Trophy League, mixed triples between Minehead, Porlock, Watchet, Williton

JS – Jack Stevens, men's triples played on Monday evenings between Minehead, Porlock, Watchet and Williton. Winning club hosts Wilf Groves Cup.

EY – Evelyn Yandle, ladies' triples played on Monday evenings between Minehead, Watchet and Williton. Winning club hosts Ray Thorne.

Safeguarding

Is the responsibility of all members, if you have any concerns please contact the Club Safeguarding Officers:

Linda Sully 07484601929 willitonbc@btinternet.com

Stan Martin 07967595363 stanmartinO@gmail.com

Safeguarding Policy www.willitonbowlingclub.co.uk/safeguarding

Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct is part of the Safeguarding Policy on pages 5-7 – link above.

Officers

President	-	Dave Sully MBE
Chairperson	-	Andy Fish
Men's Captain	-	Callum Harrod
Men's Vice Captain	-	Andy Fish
Ladies' Captain	-	Marilyn Atkins
Ladies' Vice Captain	-	Sue Ash
Treasurer	-	Derek Sully/Alan Blackmore
Secretary	-	Linda Sully
Fixtures Secretary	-	Linda Middleton
Club Competitions	-	Elaine Amery/Marilyn Atkins/Alan Blackmore
PR Officer	-	Callum Harrod / Susanna Saunders
Committee Member	-	Alan Cane
Safeguarding Officers	-	Linda Sully / Stan Martin

Constitution and rules

www.willitonbowlingclub.co.uk/club-rules-constitution

Sponsors

We are grateful to all our sponsors for supporting the Club and especially our Gold sponsors:

