



*Buckfastleigh Bowling Club  
Duckspond Road  
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**Executive Meeting**

Meeting held on 1 March 2023 at 2pm.

Present: Present: Mike Anderson – Chairman; Jeanne Pinney – Vice Chairman;  
Sue Heyes – Secretary; Ann Pedrick – Treasurer; Ham Sampford – Green  
Manager; Ladies Captain & Representative – Pauline Manfield.

**Chairman's Introduction**

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies:**

Terry Humphries.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 14 April 2022 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

**Matters Arising:**

None.

**Secretary's Report:**

Sue to look to see if fuel rebate is possible for the club similar to what households have received.

The fixtures for the coming season are complete and on a calendar on the notice board to anyone to view. A booklet will be arranged once members are confirmed so that contact details can be included. Jeanne said she would like to see a better quality booklet than last year, Sue explained that it cost £50 for last year's booklets and was it feasible for anything better? Jeanne later apologised for this and said last year's booklet was ok as long as phone numbers were included which they will be. Sue has managed to arrange 3 touring teams for the season 1 in each of May, June and July. This brings much needed revenue to the club.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ann will collate the accounts by 31 March.

### **Green Managers Report:**

Ham provided a written account of work done on the green over the closed season and what is proposed (included). Already the work is ahead of schedule due to a very dry February and the mower has gone away for its annual service. Work will continue by scarifying and coring as necessary. Hedges and trees have been cut over the winter and are scheduled again for the autumn. Paving slabs around the perimeter of the green need attention as do the boards around the edge of the green.

### **Any Other Business:**

#### **1. Advertising**

An article to be placed into the BFL community newsletter and similar in South Brent, Ham to provide details of the publication. Banners to be put up in April.

#### **2. Social Night**

Subscription night will be on March 24 2023 at 7pm and will take the form of a party night to include fish and chips from Buckfastleigh at approx. 8pm, a quiz before and John Fox's race night to follow for a total cost of £10 to include 2 drinks, names to Mike beforehand so food can be ordered. Subs of £85 will be collected on entry by cash or cheque or bank transfer. Club sponsors have been invited and members may bring a guest.

#### **3. Green Opening**

Opening day will be 22 April 2023 at 2pm when the usual spider, bowls drive and refreshments will be available. Pauline and Sonia to arrange the bowls drive. Sue to invite the Mayor and his guest to open the green. New members will also be welcome at this event.

(Since the meeting Sue has put an article in the BFL news sheet and has written to the Mayor inviting him to open the green. Both letters have been acknowledged so just awaiting a reply from the Mayor.)

#### **4. Club Night and Coaching**

Club day/evening and coaching to take place on a Monday evening as previously, or Monday morning and, if necessary, Saturday morning.

#### **5. Catering**

It was unanimously decided to continue with wrapped biscuits and to purchase the more expensive Border variety. There are no planned events where more than tea and biscuits are required.

#### **6. Big Bowls Weekend**

Sue to acquire a pack for Big Bowls weekend when available and we will hold a day again on the Saturday 28 May 2023.

**6. Section 5**

The ladies were informed of the death of Sue Trott long time secretary to bowls, and the pre season meeting of section 5 at Bitton Park on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Jeanne to send her apologies as she is hopefully having a hip replacement that day.

Date of next meeting: TBA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3pm.

Signed as correct:

Chairman

BBC Green Report Executive Committee for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

Green closed Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Work Done:

- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 1<sup>st</sup> scarifying: Benches/mats removed and stored
- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> scarify, 11<sup>th</sup> October 3<sup>rd</sup> scarify
- 12<sup>th</sup> October iron solution application to counter moss, then seed, granular fertiliser and some sand spread
- 27<sup>th</sup> October AGM, Green Report presented.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October met with Les Tanner to sort out cutting of lower hedge, both sides

After considerable rains and frosts preventing any further work on the Green, showing how well the green was draining, eventually got to work the green in February. Germination and growth was even and strong.

- ✓ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 lower hedge cut both sides , work completed on 24<sup>th</sup>. All rubbish removed. Good job done.
- ✓ 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 winter grass cut at 15 as it had grown so much [at least 3 inches] Lost count of how many barrow loads taken off – well over 50.
- ✓ Green cut again Sat 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 down to 10 to complete first 'spring' cut.
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> March mower sent away for servicing as not needed for three weeks to allow for scarifying and other work.

Work to be undertaken.

- ❖ Scarifying two or three ways, iron solution to be applied to counter moss
- ❖ Some reseeding and granular fertiliser application.
- ❖ Meet Tim the consultant to order further applications, and discuss work.
- ❖ Spike grass to assist drainage and aeration.
- ❖ Organise Green Team Schedule
- ❖ Burn prunings if weather helpful
- ❖ Check fixtures onto calendar to ensure grass cut before each match.

**Open Day: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023. To get green ready for Open Day:**

- Team to put out gully rubbers and benches
- Rink markers and painted dots to be completed, as well as green painting the boards.
- Fill holes in green with seed and sand
- Mowing increased in frequency and gradually lowered in cut height down from 10 to 5/6.
- Spray weedkiller around paths, trim back hedges and shrubs.

**Suggestions for future action**

- Fix 25 X 50 mm battens around edge of green to prevent edge slumping.
- Paving slabs need levelling/lining
- Repair half rounds of rose beds.
- Compost needs to be removed
- Clear out soakaway at back of mech. Shed.

Ham, Green Manager. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.