



BRIMFIELD AND LITTLE HEREFORD BOWLING CLUB

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CHAIR: Mr Peter Bloomer

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

6pm Friday 24 October 2025

1. ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

24 Present: Lynne Allen, Peter Bloomer, Dave Botwood, Dave Evans, Claire Goodman, Doug Goodman, Barbara Griffiths, Bob Hughes, Sue Kemp, Susan Northwood, Madge Pinchin, Richard Powell, Brian Richards, Chris Robbins, Dave Robbins, Rosie Sheridan, John Stirling, Pauline Suffield, Lynne Thorn, Howard Turberfield, Kevin Warburton, Graham Wilkinson, Valerie Wilkinson, Brian Zelin

- 11 Apologies received: Jim Allen, Jennie Cole, Brian Draper, Ian Ferguson, Chris Ferguson, Tegan Griffiths, Jane Howsam, Pete Howsam, Eileen Powell, Pauline Preece, Alan Westwood

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

- a) Minutes of the AGM held on 26 October 2024 were agreed:

Proposed by Richard Powell

Seconded by Graham Wilkinson

- b) No matters arising

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, to serve until the next Annual General Meeting

Proposed Officers and Committee Members

It was agreed all posts with nominations would be voted on, on-mass.

OFFICERS POSTS (11 posts):

Chairman:

Vice Chairman:

Club Secretary:

Treasurer:

Club Captain:

Vice-Captain:

Men's County Representative:

Ladies Captain & County Representative:

Fixtures Secretary:

Membership Secretary:

Welfare Officer:

NOMINATIONS:

Peter Bloomer

Val Wilkinson

Susan Northwood

Lynne Thorn

Dave Evans

Brian Draper

John Stirling

Jennie Cole

Bob Hughes

Susan Northwood

Val Wilkinson

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: to serve until the next Annual General Meeting

It was agreed all posts with nominations would be voted on, on-mass.

Sports Club Representative	Susan Northwood
Coach	Bill Wheatley
Club Competitions Secretary	Brian Zelin
Marketing and Press Secretary	Dave Evans
Social Secretary	(Vacancy not filled)
Plus	
Groundsman (non-elected):	Richard Powell

VOTE: This was carried – 24 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

5. RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORTS:

a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

Membership:

Last year we had 66 Affiliated Members, 43 Men and 23 Ladies. This year we have 62 Affiliated Members, 38 Men and 24 Ladies. We welcome to the Club Claire and Doug Goodman, Paul and Lorraine Taylor, David Harris, Steve Stewart, Kevin Warburton and Gary Thorpe. Along with 3 new Junior Members – Tegan Griffiths, Nicholas Martin and Alfie Pinchin.

Members who left the Club are Phil and Jan Williams, Ray and Sharon Mew, Craig and Sue Webb and Glyn Lloyd who all went to St Martins. John Bates went to Weobley. Nigel and Julie Archer have decided to play Padel Tennis. Nick Lewis, Len Lewis, Michael Wood have all moved to Bromyard.

Michael Owen had a fall and broke his back; he suffers from osteoporosis. We understand he is back on his feet but he is unlikely to be bowling again. We wish him well.

We sadly said farewell to Richard Pinchin and Clive Sheridan and our bowling family would like to extend their support and love to Madge and Rosie.

The Club;

The Club is in good health, we have an excellent bowling facility. We own our buildings and greenkeeping equipment (this includes a new investment in a Turf Ironing machine).

We manage the green ourselves and we have the use of the Sports Club to hold larger events.

The Club relies on voluntary work from our membership and every Club member needs to help.

Next Year:

We will continue to increase our membership and raise more funds for the Club.

Funds raised will be used to:

- Improve our club facilities, especially the green.
- Help to develop the skills of our bowlers

- Develop youth and diverse participation in bowling
- Develop related alternatives to Lawn Bowls, e.g. Short Mat Bowls

This is your Club and it is your commitment that makes it worthwhile. The reward is when we come together, play bowls, enjoy ourselves and genuinely care for each other.

I started bowling 5 years ago at Brimfield I liked it then and that feeling has only grown over time. I thank you all for your support and encouragement through 2025 and let's look forward to what 2026 may bring.

Thank you

Peter Bloomer, Chair

b) TREASURERS REPORT 2025

Financial Year 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025

Started the year with £21,558.95 in the Bank / Petty Cash

Ended the year with £21,839.60 in the Bank / Petty Cash

NB this end figure includes payments made for the Presentation Lunch totalling £450 which after I can finalised it this month with further payments in, money from the raffle and payment of expenses it will result in a surplus of £32.50.

As most of you are aware I have now been undertaking the role of Treasurer for two years and I very much appreciate that Members are increasingly making payments for subscriptions etc. via bank transfer it makes this job so much easier.

The Annual Subscription income this year totalled £3,925

From this I have paid a) £1,040 to The Sports Club for membership fees and use of the clubhouse premises and b) £636.20 for County Affiliation fees

I feel it should be noted that the fees paid to the Sports Club include it providing Material Damage Insurance within its Insurance Programme for The Bowls Club's assets i.e. items stored in the Shed and Container in the bowling green area.

Other main Income items:

- Club Competition Entries: £400
- Raffles £115.65. with some additional sums included in Hosting County and Matches figures. NB there is also a further £319 I have just received which I will now bank.
- Strollers: £687
- Green Fees £119
- Match Fees: £558

- Men's League £196

- Hosting County Matches and Visiting Teams :7 in all with overall Profit of £1,217 with the best being The Men's County Match with lunch at £386. A full list of these are in the spreadsheet of the financial figures which will be included with the AGM minutes.

Main outgoings:

- County Competition Fees: Tarmac League £25 Others £210 Men's League £168

- Upkeep of the Green: £2,450

- Lawnmower upkeep including fuel £1,013

- Maintenance and Cleaning of Club Building in particular the Snug this year £1,055

- Updating the awards Board £179

- Engraving of Trophies £179

- Creating Boule Court £104

I will now get the Accounts audited.

Lynne Thorn, Treasurer

6. APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO CODE OF CONDUCT:

To include "No smoking or vaping within the confines of the green at any time, or within two metres of any other player or spectator" and

"To observe Bowls England's Player's Code of Conduct, Players will NOT to allowed to consume alcohol on the Bowling Green or within two metres around the Bowling Green during play".

Comments were made that this was going to be very difficult to police. The Committee advised that signs would be put up before the start of the season and that was really the most we could do.

VOTE: This was carried – 22 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstained

7. PROPOSITIONS

a) Committee Propositions

Nomination of Club President. Helen Skinner has asked to step aside. Howard Turberfield has been nominated and has accepted.

Proposed - Peter Bloomer

Seconded - Val Wilkinson

VOTE: This was carried – 24 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

b) Propositions from Members

(i) Evening Strollers Session for our younger members

Proposed - Susan Northwood

Seconded - Ashley Edwards

Discussion was held and comments made that youngsters should play with older people and the session should be for everyone not just the younger members. Lynne Allen asked if this would be in addition to the existing strollers; there is a lot going on on the green and there may not be time to add in an additional session. Howard Turberfield said that an evening session would give availability to working people as well and this was agreed by Claire Goodman. Doug Goodman was anxious that Strollers would not get too busy as they both thought that this was very important to the Club and it was how they got started. It was suggested that Strollers would move to Monday evening and Thursday afternoon and John Stirling said that perhaps the evening session should start end of May when the weather improves. Graham Wilkinson was against and said that he felt there was a climate of anti-strollers with some members of the Club. In conclusion it was agreed that we would trial moving the Monday Strollers to 6pm on a Monday evening from end of May onwards.

VOTE: This was carried – 23 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained

(ii) Tour next year to Pembrokeshire

Proposed - Jennie Cole

Seconded - Susan Northwood

It was agreed that a Tour 2026 probably couldn't be arranged now but we should look to book one in 2027. Bob Hughes suggested September would be a good time of year. Rosie Sheridan said that the tours were a wonderful opportunity for members to spend time together. Barbara Griffiths said that the last tour had not been successful and people had dropped out at the last minute and any future tour should be paid for in full on booking to ensure that the Club didn't end up paying for cancellations.

VOTE: This was carried – 24 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstained

(iii) Millenium Plate – nominated mentor for each player.

Proposed – Jennie Cole

Seconded – Sue Kemp

Claire Goodman said that they learnt a lot in Strollers and questioned if this was necessary. Lynne Allen asked what a mentor was and Howard Turberfield said that some people might not want a mentor. Peter Bloomer said that perhaps we could offer this to those who did want it. It was agreed that we would refer back to committee and ask Jennie Cole exactly what her thoughts were on this.

VOTE: This was not voted on at this time.

(iv) Green to be cut to 3mm and not watered as much.

Proposed – Ashley Edwards

Seconded – not seconded

Peter Bloomer said that the cutting of the green was down to the discretion of the Green Keeper and if we had cut to 3mm this summer then we would have had a dead green by the end of the season

VOTE: This was not carried – 24 Against, 0 Abstained

8. UPDATES

a) To note those that have volunteered to assist the Officers of the Committee.

Strollers (Outdoor Thursdays)	Pete and Jane Howsam
Strollers (Outdoor Mondays)	Susan Northwood, Val & Graham Wilkinson
Strollers (Indoor)	Pete & Ali Bloomer
Monday Evening League (Indoor)	Peter Bloomer
Crown Green	Dave Evans
Men's Wednesday League	Brian Zelin & Ade Allen
Men's Top Club, Tony Allcock, Crown etc	Dave Evans
Club Raffles	Pauline Preece
Kitchen supplies	Val Wilkinson
Website Administration	Jennie Cole

b) Special Dates for 2026 - January Lunch Sunday 18 January 26 when Membership Fees are due.

Lynne Allen asked if the meeting could be less rushed please next year. Claire Goodman said that she and Doug would be very happy to assist Pete and Jane Howsam with Strollers on Thursdays.

The AGM was closed at 7.00 pm