

## NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA BOWLS CLUB

The club was founded in 1933 as a men only club. The women's club was established in about 1980. However, in March 2025 it was agreed that the clubs unite and formerly become Newbiggin by the Sea Bowling Club. A new constitution was drafted and the club adopted Bowls England Equal Opportunities Policy along with their Safeguarding Policy.

The club prides itself on its inclusive policies and as such is open to all irrespective of age or ability. Members are happy and willing to encourage new members to try out the clubs equipment prior to purchasing their own. Over the past few years we have seen an increase in membership and now number over 60 members, both playing and retired former players. The club provides not only a safe environment to participate in sport but also a social aspect for members to meet up all year round. The ages of the members range from 17 years to over 90.

The club is very active, particularly in the summer season and members participate in leagues, in house games and open competitions - where we invite bowlers from other clubs to take part. League matches take place Monday to Thursday, both during the day and in the evening. Last year was a very successful year for the club with the women's teams coming top in both of the leagues that they play in and the men secured two promotions into division one of both the Tuesday and Thursday Leagues.

On an individual level the club currently has four women who play for the county on a regular basis. At the time of writing this we have one woman member who is going to the national championship at Skegness and the possibility of other members progressing in to the national championships at Leamington Spa. The men have also been successful and have also represented the county at the national championships both at Skegness and Leamington Spa.

The club is active within the local community in promoting bowls as a sport with links made with the local school. One of our members acts as a liaison between the two.

Over the past few years the club has held an in house charity event to raise money for MacMillan

Nurses. This was the initiative of a member who lost part of this leg to cancer.

The number of visitors to the club has also increased over the past few years and it is not unusual for them to call in for refreshments and also take part in a game of bowls. As previously stated members are always happy and willing to encourage this.

Lawn bowls is a summer sport in this country but, we as a club, endeavour to meet together and hold a weekly coffee morning, during the close season, between September and March. This along with the Open competitions, three of which we hold throughout the summer, are our main means of fund raising.

As you can see, we are a small but very active part of the community and do our best to promote the wellbeing of the members and look forward to seeing you at the club at any time.