

MEMBERSHIP

You can participate in three of our regular social events free of charge before we ask that you join the Club.

The annual subscription is made up of two parts – a fee to the Bowls Club and a fee to the Burton & Puddington Sports & Social Club. This latter pays for the upkeep of the Sports & Social Club buildings and environs and of Gladstone Village Hall. If you are already a member of another sports section you are not required to pay a second Social Club fee.

Playing	Social (Non-Playing)	Junior (Under 18)
Bowls Club: £20	Bowls Club: £5	Bowls Club: £10
S&S Club: £35	S&S Club: £35	S&S Club: N/A
TOTAL: £55	TOTAL: £40	TOTAL: £10

We encourage members to pay by bank transfer. There is a £1 fee to cover bank charges if you wish to pay by cash or cheque.

To join the Bowls Club, complete a membership application form and return it to us. You will see that you need a Proposer and Secunder. Feel free to ask members you have met at events. If you do not have a Proposer or Secunder when you fill in the form, don't worry, leave the fields blank and we will take care of it for you.



“Great fun and a great way to spend an afternoon with new friends! I would definitely recommend it to anyone!!” RC

All photos: Geoff Beard

BURTON & PUDDINGTON BOWLS CLUB



The Club opened in 1989 and provides opportunities for both social and competitive bowling. There are also regular non-bowling social events.

We currently have four teams:

- Burton & Puddington - Mixed team, Chester League
- Burton & Puddington Vets - Two mixed teams, Ellesmere Port League
- Burton & Puddington Ladies - Ellesmere Port Ladies Bowling League

The outdoor bowls season runs from April to September. In addition to League fixtures, there are weekday and weekend social bowls. The green is available to bowling club members at all other times.

During the winter months, Indoor Bowling is held in the Clubhouse.

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Website: bowls.gladstonevillagehall.org
Bluesky: [@bpbowls.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/bpbowls.bsky.social)

CROWN GREEN BOWLS

THE AIM OF THE GAME

To get your bowls nearer the jack than your opponent. You score one point for each bowl nearer the jack.

EQUIPMENT

Bowls (also known as 'Woods')



Two per person.

Bowls come in different weights and sizes.

They have a bias (also known as a 'peg') which determines the direction in which the bowl will travel. You can roll (deliver) a bowl with the bias (**Thumb**) or against the bias (**Finger**). Thumb bowls curve to

the right, Finger bowls curve to the left. Note: if you are a left-handed bowler, this will be reversed. The bowl usually has an indent or dimple allowing the player to identify the bias or Thumb side.

The Jack

A smaller bowl which is sent first and is the target. Often yellow but can be white or sometimes black. The Jack also has a bias. The player delivering the jack must declare whether they are bowling Thumb or Finger.

The Mat

To ensure the jack and bowls are sent from the same spot, you must place one foot on a mat and keep it there until the jack or bowl has left your hand.

HOW TO PLAY

A full game comprises a number of **ends**. An end starts when the jack is rolled. The player sending the jack can choose to send it wherever they like on the green. Players then take it in turns to roll each of their bowls towards the jack, starting with the player who delivered the jack. An end finishes when all bowls have been delivered. Players decide whose and how many of their bowls are nearer the jack. The winner delivers the jack at the start of the next end.

Games are usually held between two people with the winner being the first person to reach 21 points. Ends are played until someone wins. Other options are a set number of ends with the winner being the one with the most points, or doubles matches.

