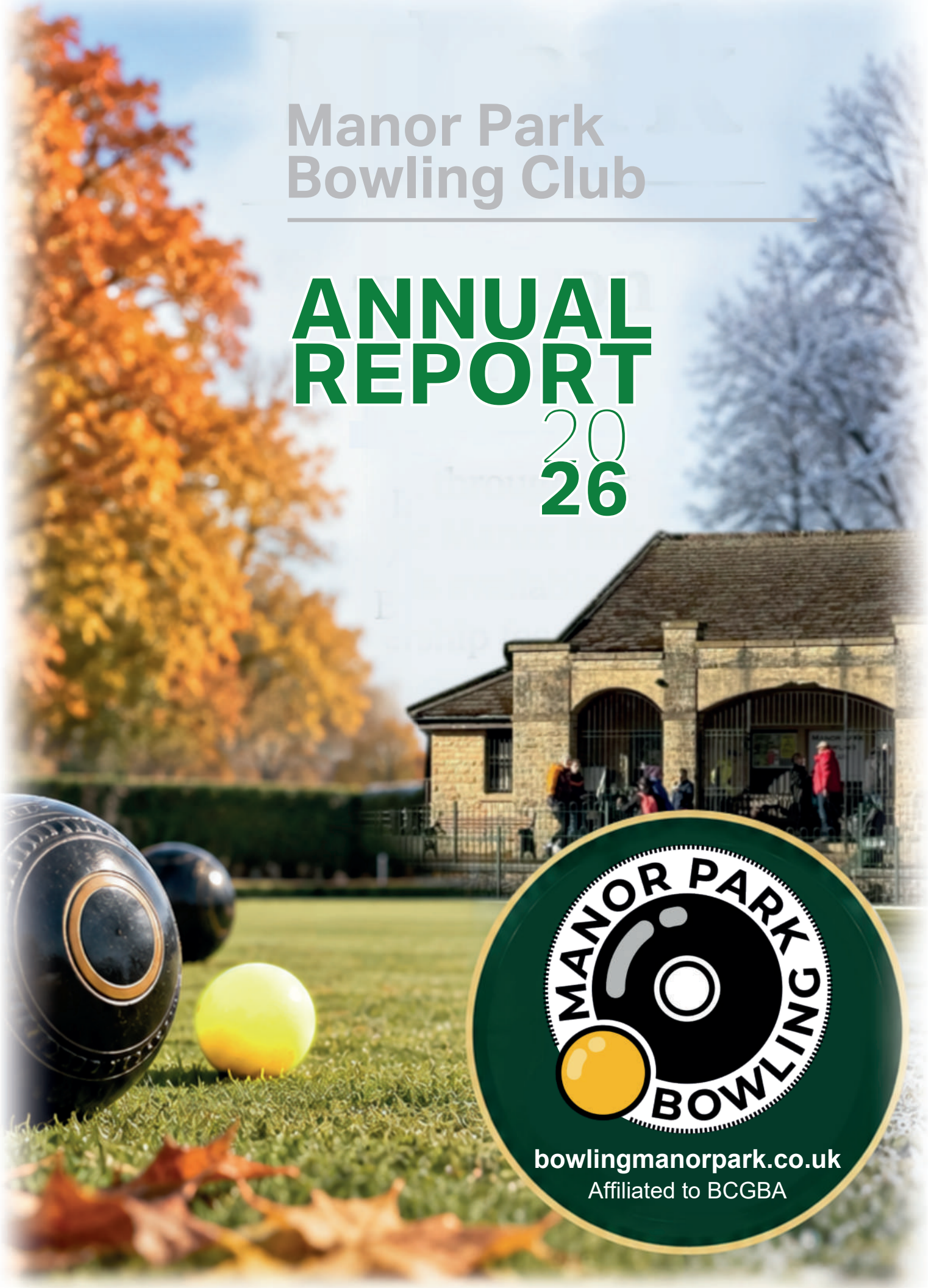
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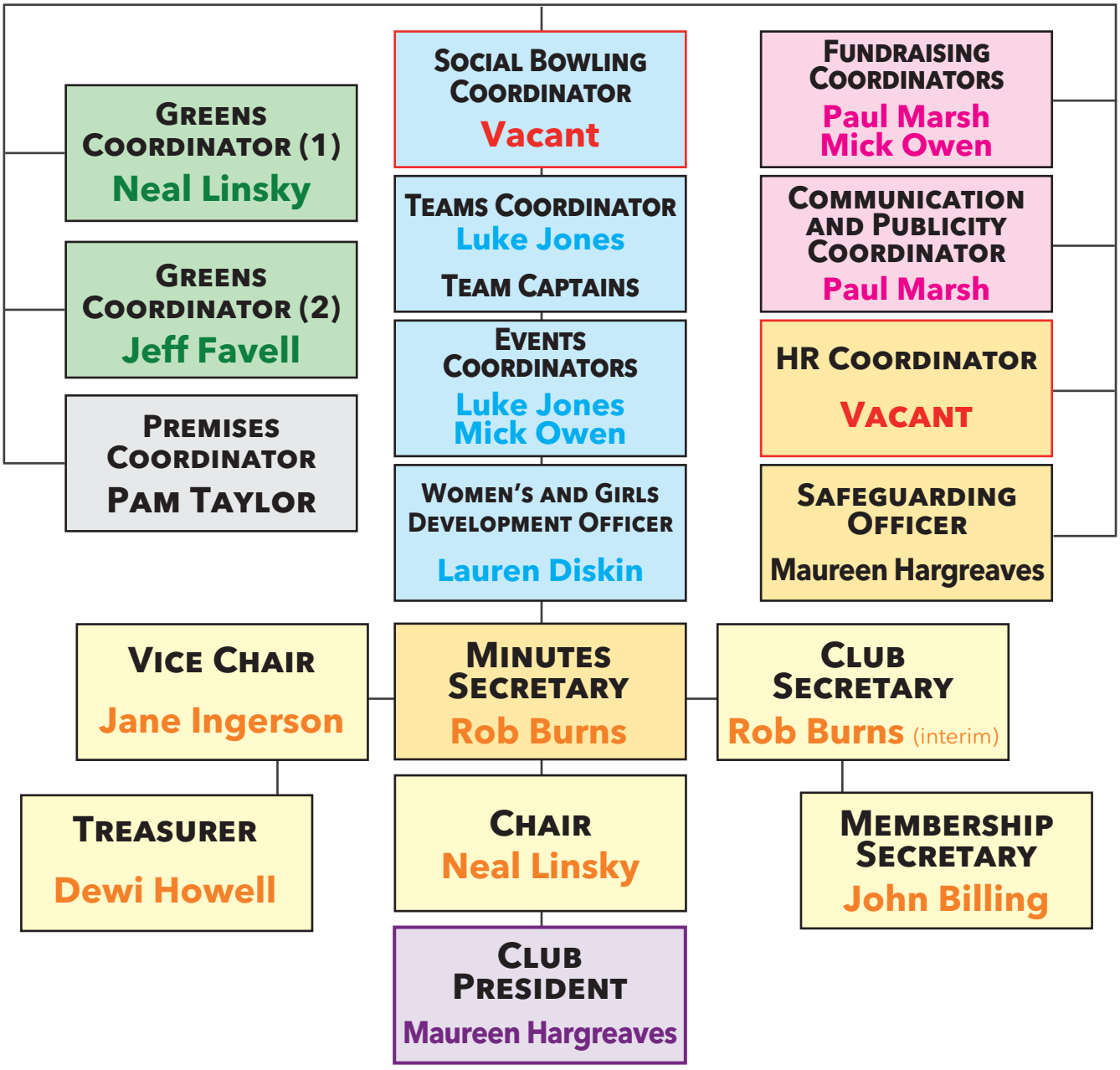


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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Dear Members

Firstly, many thanks to all of you, who renewed your club membership in April 2026 and also a belated welcome to all new members who joined later in the season, hopefully you have all enjoyed your bowling in 2026.

A big thank-you also, to Neal (Linsky) and the greens maintenance team, who have done a tremendous job keeping both our greens (top and bottom) in excellent playing condition throughout the 2026 spring/summer season, especially during the very hot summer months (see Greens report). It was really pleasing to hear several opposing club's comment on the good condition of our green throughout the 2026 season.





The use of the top green closed to members on the 5th October 2026, but the club has decided to keep open the bottom green during the Autumn / Winter months for members hardy enough who want to continue playing winter / social bowls (see Greens report). The club has also received a high number of new membership applications (~ 45-50) from players at other local bowling clubs, who want to use our green during the winter months, thereby generating further revenue into the club.

Volunteer support is required to help maintain the green throughout the autumn/winter months and you can play a part, by volunteering to help the existing green's maintenance team during 2026/2027.

With its small number of regular volunteers during 2026, the club has:

- successfully managed and maintained the top and bottom bowling greens
- fielded 6 x bowling teams (in both singles and mixed pairs league categories) with the Longdendale 'A' team achieving cup success in the Longdendale Winning Plate competition (see Captains report for more details)





- continued to hold the twice weekly social bowling sessions
- continued to hold the weekly Be-Well sessions
- successfully delivered on many of its 2026 Development Plan objectives (see below)

2026 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The 2026 club Development Plan was led by Mick Owen and a small number of volunteers, and the plan is aligned with both the DCGBA and BCGBA development strategies.

BUDGET

In summary, the club has successfully delivered on many of its 2026 development plan objectives against an expenditure budget of £2,650 (as agreed by the committee at the

beginning of the year) with an income target of £3,090, supported by a target of £1000 in grant funding.

At 30th September, expenditure was £953, income was assessed at £1,286 which, taken together, represents a net contribution to the club's bottom line of £333.00. These figures are exclusive of the clubs three Open events and do not, as yet, include any income from the Primary School Project although a "donation" from our partner High Peak School and Sport Partnership is expected.

DELIVERY

The club delivered all of its intended external competitions and these were fully supported by our own members and entrants from other clubs, i.e.

- Pre-season Triples Competition (28th March)
- President vs Mayor's Match (3rd May)
- Barbara Taylor Memorial Open Mixed Doubles (24th May)
- Harriett Jackson Open Singles Competition (4th June)
- Walter Smith Memorial Open Doubles (13th) September)













In addition, the club:

- Delivered the High Peak Schools & Sports Partnership primary school bowling initiative project, alongside Glossop Bowling Club, culminating in the finals day (14th July) being held at Manor Park. The winning school, St Lukes were presented with the Dave Collier Trophy by the Mayor of High Peak, Councillor Barbara Hastings-Asatourian.
- Delivered our own internal competitions, i.e. Singles Knockout, Mixed Pairs and End of Season Triples Competition 27/9.
- Both of our Level 1 coaches (Mick Owen / Rob Burns) attended the Coach Bowls Safeguarding Course as part of their coaching continued performance development.
- Mick Owen attended all the modules of the Coach Bowls Level 2 course except for the final assessment. He has used the knowledge and insight gained to deliver sessions for a group of developing team bowlers and with members of our growing number of social bowlers.



PLAN

One area where we spent considerably less than planned and therefore received minimal income against the target, was in the development of new coaches for the club, only one in four provisional places relating to external coaching courses was taken up.

The club has still to use all of the grant money we are currently holding. A percentage of the residue has been earmarked for a combined “thank you” event, wash-up and future planning event for the Greens Maintenance Team and there is the option to purchase more branded kit to use as “volunteer rewards”.

We have a growing number of volunteers and I believe that with more volunteers we could deliver against more of the club’s development ambitions, whether that be more league teams, even better greens, more competitions or improvements to the kit we use and the space we occupy.

With all of the above and also with the continued association with BeWell organisation this has helped generate significant / additional income to the club throughout the year (see Treasurer’s report for details).

The battery powered mowers / scarifiers purchased in 2024 have again proven to be a beneficial asset to the green’s mowing team and fully meet with the High Peak’s ongoing environment requirements, and these are supplemented by other existing/ageing machinery. Subsequently, the club will/should be looking to add to the current inventory in 2027.



On a sadder note, Barbara Taylor passed away on 11th March 2026 – Barbara was an active member of the club and was previously captain of the Tameside Ladies team as well as our Social Secretary, she will be sadly missed by all. It was good to see members of Barbara’s family supporting / taking part in the Barbara Taylor Memorial Open Mixed Doubles competition, held at Manor Park on the 24th May.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Moving forward into 2027 the club finances remain in a healthy position (see Treasurer’s report for details) and club membership is similar in numbers this year when compared to last year (i.e. 52 full members, 28 social members) – however the introduction of social membership for the autumn / winter has

significantly increased our social membership by up to 50 new members, resulting in club membership now totalling circa 130 members.

The club would hope to fill the vacant roles within the club executive committee and it would be great to see an increase to the number of volunteers throughout the season to help deliver on a multitude of club objectives.

New Teams – The club is always looking for new players and it is anticipated that the club will be looking to field possibly 2-3 new teams in 2027, i.e. Veteran Pairs (Mixed) in the Stockport and District Bowling League (Monday afternoon), a Ladies team in the North Derbyshire Ladies League (Thursday evening) and a Ladies Vets Team in the North Derbyshire Ladies League (Wednesday afternoon) – Mick Owen and Lauren Diskin have provisionally indicated that they are willing to captain the Monday & Thursday teams respectively. More on these teams will be communicated in the near future.

Have a great 2027 season everyone.

Rob Burns
Interim Club Secretary









TEAMS REPORTS

High Peak Mixed Pairs – A Team (Tuesday Evening)

This season the team finished 4th overall in the league, winning 15 out of the 22 games played. Whilst it was a tougher season than last year, everyone played their part, picking up numerous wins along the way, with captain Luke Jones finishing runner up in the division averages. The team is well positioned to challenge again next season.

Luke Jones

High Peak Mixed Pairs – B Team (Tuesday Evening)

Out of the 22 matches played the team won 4 matches and finished in 11th position in the league. We have had a couple of newer recruits become regular players on the team and have a healthy number of players who are happy to play when needed. The team are looking forward to the 2027 season.

Jane Ingerson

North Derbyshire National (Wednesday Evening)

The Wednesday night team have had an inconsistent year this time around, finishing in 6th position winning 6 of the 16 matches. The team has grown once again this season, with a few new additions, with everyone getting plenty of games. On a happier note, congratulations are in order for Luke Jones who, after finishing runner up last year, has won the Division averages.

Sophie Briddon

North Derbyshire Vets (Thursday Afternoon)

Anyone aged 55 years or over is eligible to play in the league. This was my first year as captain and my main priority was encouraging new members of the club to put their names down to play. 18 of the 21 registered players played at least one game throughout the season.

We didn't set the league on fire, winning only 4 of our 18 matches and ending the season 8th out 10 in the league table.

Given that many of the players had limited experience in league bowls I am hopeful that next season we should be able to improve.

Neal Linsky

Longdendale – A Team (Saturday Afternoon)

After promotion to Division 2 last season, this year was all about ensuring the team stayed up. The result, a 3rd place finish and 8.5 points off back-to-back promotions. The team competed in every game, never once looked out of place in the division and finished with 4 players in the top 20 for the division averages.

Last season saw some disappointment, when the team fell at the final hurdle and lost the cup final, which in itself was still a great achievement to get there. This season however, I (as captain), could sense the team were extremely motivated to return to the final and overturn last years disappointment. Dominant performances from the team through every round ensured we would be in the final once again, and this time there was to be only one outcome. 7 winners out of 10 ensured a 43-chalk victory and the first time Manor Park had lifted the trophy in over 30 years.

Luke Jones

Longdendale – B Team (Saturday Afternoon)

In only our second season since inception, the B team again finished bottom of Division 3. Player availability was a key factor throughout the season however all fixtures were completed as scheduled.

The team did record their first away win against Romiley Arms B, and there were some strong individual performances throughout the season. We ended the season having selected from 19 different players, 3 of which had never previously played in a league match for the club.

Without doubt, the B team player of the season was Lauren Diskin who consistently bowled to a high standard throughout the season. Lauren was closely followed by newcomer Jonathan Turner who only started playing bowls at the beginning of March and again bowled consistently during the season. Martin and Eddie Fitzgibbon were added to the number of team players mid-season, with both becoming available via the social bowling sessions.

Hopefully the team experiences gained this season can be taken forward into next year and hopefully we can improve our league position.

Rob Burns

GREEN MAINTENANCE TEAM REPORT 2026

THE GREEN TEAM are responsible for the mowing and maintenance of both the top and bottom greens. The priority is always the top green as this is the green used for league matches. Mowing of the top green normally takes place on both Monday and Thursday each week between the middle of March until the middle of October. The bottom green is mowed each Monday during the same period. This is always weather dependant and we tend to avoid mowing on a wet surface. In 2026 the weather was very hot and there were weeks when there was little or no rain, meaning we were unable to mow on the specified days. Due to the lack of rain, there were periods where we suspended mowing completely and watered the top green instead.

We believe the top green held up well compared to other greens in the area, some of which suffered considerably more compared to ours. In addition, we also treated both greens with moss killer and fertiliser to promote a healthy dense turf. Both green were also treated with a Hydro compound to prevent water building up on the surface causing “puddling”.

Both greens were scarified on a regular basis to help with removing thatch beneath the surface and aerated to help with drainage. These actions helped to speed up the playing surface. Repairs were made to those parts of the bottom green that had sunk due to mole infestations. We are pleased the green is now running much faster.

Cleaning and weeding of the gulleys occurred throughout the season, ensuring the greens were neat and tidy. The bottom green suffers from falling leaves and we have tried to clear these on a regular basis.

Members will have noticed the planters at the corners of the top green. These were paid for with a "levelling up" grant from High Peak Borough Council aimed at improving biodiversity and built, installed and planted with pollinator-friendly plants towards the end of the season by our project partners Glossop Community Allotment CIC.

The green team are pleased that the bottom green is now being used more frequently, particularly throughout the autumn and winter period. The bottom green is the only green in the area to remain open and take up from members of other clubs has been encouraging.





Both greens will be monitored and maintained throughout the autumn/winter period.

There are plans to undertake a deep aeration of both greens before the start of next season and apply fertiliser and moss killer. We are also looking into the possibility of replacing the boarding surrounding the greens, which are showing signs of ageing.

I am indebted to the following members of the team who have helped with keeping both greens in good condition over the last 12 months. Peter McMahon, Jeff Favell, Simon Turner, Barrie Clayton, Val Wolstenholme, Luke Jones, Mick Owen, Rob Burns, Anne and Ed Donnoghue and Alison Barnes

Neal Linsky
Green Co-ordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current Year

Manor Park Bowling Club
Income & Expenditure from October 1st 2025 to September 24th 2026
Treasurer: Dewi Howell

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Membership	2,329.00	Annual Fees etc.	1,591.04
Match Fees	1,511.51	Maintenance	563.51
Events	1,104.72	Expenses	539.99
Grants	3,431.83	Equipment	662.52
Other	1,675.90	Events	1,019.10
		Other	692.05
Total Income	10,052.96	Total Expenditure	5,062.21
Net surplus of income over expenditure for year -			**4,990.75**

Bank Reconciliation

Current Account Balance brought forward	58,718.10
Total Income	10,052.96
Total Expenditure	5,062.21
Current Account balance to carry forward	13,708.85

N.B. There will be some items for the end of September which will be carries on to next Season's Accounts

Auditor's Certificate

I have examined the above accounts with the relevant books, receipts and invoices produced and hereby certify them to be a true and accurate record of the financial position of the Club.

Previous Year

Manor Park Bowling Club
Income & Expenditure from October 1st 2024 to October 1st 2025
Treasurer: Dewi Howell

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Membership	1,995.43	Annual Fees etc.	1,282.23
Match Fees	2,101.04	Maintenance	495.72
Events	1,319.52	Expenses	
Grants	1,778.00	Equipment	3,287.71
Other	2,013.52	Events	583.99
		Other	578.76
Total Income	9,207.51	Total Expenditure	6,228.41
Net surplus of income over expenditure for year -			2,979.10

Bank Reconciliation

Current Account Balance brought forward	5739.00
Total Income	9207.51
Total Expenditure	6228.41
Current Account balance to carry forward	8718.10

N.B. There will be some Match Fees carried on to next Season's Accounts because they will paid in to the bank after the 1st October 2025

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