

Hello everyone – hope you are all well and looking forward to the new bowling season. I just need to update you on where we are with the green.

As you probably know we have rebuilt two of the rink edges over the closed season, the one in front of the clubhouse and the one to the right. It will take some time for the disturbance to the grass to settle down. To that end could I ask that when you walk onto the green not to tread on the new edges as they need time to re-establish themselves.

You may also notice that we have reduced the depth of the ditches on the two new edges. This will make it safer and easier to retrieve bowls.

Also, I have installed a bird scarer in the centre of the green. This is to help prevent the amount of damage caused by the birds digging the green for worms and grubs etc. It appears to be working well. It will need to be removed before play. Just slide the pole up off the ground pole and pull the ground stake from the green along with its transparent disc. I would suggest when removed it is placed flat on the ground somewhere well away from areas where people are walking. I have made a small bung to cover the hole which can be left on the green at the bottom of the pole. Please put the small bung in the hole. The pole is very light but also very long – please do not collapse the pole as it is taped around the joints. The steward of the day will take care of it but where there is no steward it will be the responsibility of the captain of the day. For casual players please remove and replace as and when.

Very important – the pole must be replaced at the end of play otherwise it is a wasted exercise, and the birds will do their thing.

The new windows and shutters have been installed. If you are first to arrive, the electric shutters are activated by the three switches on the wall by the kitchen door. Turn to the right and release each key to open the shutters, they will stop when open. To close turn the keys to the left and hold until fully closed. They will stop when closed.

Many thanks

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