



# Winchmore Hill Bowling Club

## Information for new members



Winchmore Hill is one of the most successful bowls clubs in the area and enjoys a reputation for being a friendly, welcoming and inclusive club.

There are nearly 200 members made up of two-thirds bowlers and the remainder social members.

### Facilities

The bowling green has six full-length rinks and is regarded as one of the finest in North London.

In the clubhouse there is a bar area and a lounge which can hold up to 100 people for social events. It also houses the ladies' changing room and a fully-equipped kitchen.

On the north side of the green there is a patio with tables, seating and sun shades.

Behind the patio are storage sheds for bowling equipment.

The men's changing room is a separate building on the opposite side of the green. There are plans to replace the building in the coming season.

The Club has its own barrier-controlled car park with access directly to the Club.

### Management

The Club is an unincorporated association owned by the Members and managed by an elected Committee of 12 members led by our Chairman and President.

The Club has a constitution which deals with matters such as admission of members, the role of the

Management Committee, elections, running of the AGM and similar procedures.

The Club President is newly elected each year and nominates a charity for which regular fund-raising events are held throughout the season.

### Volunteers

The Club relies on volunteers for its day-to-day operations and the majority of all the essential tasks involved in running the Club are carried out by members.

These not only include administration and financial responsibilities, but tasks such as staffing the bar, catering for matches and events and maintaining the green.

### Social events

Social events take place mainly between October and March and include quiz nights, theatre visits, live music and a Christmas Revue.

There are regular evening and afternoon sessions for card players including a competitive canasta league. There are bridge evenings during the winter and a number of bridge drives are organised with other bowls and social clubs in the area.

Many members belong to a walking group which arranges regular walks around London.

In recent years the Club has organised trips to the South Coast and the West Country together with our annual trip to Cyprus.

## New members

The Club welcomes complete beginners as well as players who have bowled previously. Everyone joining the Club will be given free coaching tailored to their level of ability and experience.

Each new member will also be allocated a personal 'mentor' – an experienced Club member who is there to answer questions or offer help and advice.

## Bowling equipment

The Club has a small stock of second-hand bowls which are available to try out and buy.

If you wish to buy a new set of bowls the Club can advise about the various makes, sizes, biases and weights.

There is also a very good shop in Enfield (Bush Hill Bowls) for those wishing to buy new bowls, clothes, shoes and any other bowling equipment required.

## Club nights

Club nights are 'roll-ups' – informal, friendly games open to all members.

They are held on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday mornings and are good opportunities for new players to learn the game, practise and meet other players.

There is an online booking system for members to reserve rinks for roll-ups, practice or competition matches. (See the web address below).

Free coaching sessions can be arranged if required.

## Dress code

For casual roll-ups there is no dress code. But flat-soled bowling shoes must be worn on the green at all times.

For all internal and external matches players are expected to wear official Club or white shirts and either grey or white trousers.

Club shirts can be ordered through the Club.

## Competitions

The Club organises internal competitions for members only, as well as league and other competitions with local clubs.

These can be between teams of two, three or four bowlers.

## Handbook and newsletter

The Club produces a yearly handbook listing club information, competition fixtures and members' contact details.

A quarterly Newsletter is published to keep members up-to-date with Club activities. This is sent out by email to all members in pdf format.

### Membership – fees for 2023

Bowling and social membership	<b>£180</b>
Social membership only	<b>£60</b>

Further information  
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Website  
<https://whbowls.com/>

Rink booking  
<https://www.winchmore.rinkdiary.co.uk/>

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

To ensure the smooth running of the Club, Members' personal information, including names, postal and email addresses, and telephone numbers ('Data') is collected and stored by the Club.

Members will be invited to confirm upon joining, and upon membership renewal, that they are willing to supply Data to the Club, and if unwilling to do so, as to the whole or part of the Data, those wishes will be respected by the Club.