

# **BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR ... Its time to start looking forward to the 2025 season  
Charlotte BS Communications Officer

### **We have a new Board Chair.**

When I decided to take on the Chair role for Bowls Surrey, it was because I genuinely want to see our county progress and thrive. Surrey has a rich history in Lawn Bowls, but I also believe there is always room to grow and evolve, especially in today's ever-changing environment. I'm excited to bring a fresh perspective to the Board - a new set of opinions that I hope will spark meaningful discussions and lead to new ideas.

For me, it's about ensuring we stay relevant and ambitious, while still honouring the traditions that make our sport so special. I'm eager to work closely with our members, clubs, and wider stakeholders to develop and promote Bowls across Surrey. It's a challenge I'm passionate about, and I'm looking forward to seeing how we can move forward together as a County. All opinions are welcomed - please do get in touch if you have something to share. Email is [chairperson@bowlssurrey.com](mailto:chairperson@bowlssurrey.com)

Best Wishes and Happy New Year for 2025 **Will Matthews (Woodbridge Hill)**

Congratulations to the Old Coulsdon for being short listed for the Bowls England Club of the Year Award. Also to Brian Wilson (Horley BC) for being shortlisted for the GreenKeeper of the Year Award. Also to Sue Blessett (Chertsey BC) for being shortlisted for the Unsung Hero of the Year Award. Please keep your eyes out on the BE Website or the BS Facebook page as your votes could mean everything for these nominees.

<p>We are still looking for a County Administrator, please contact John Tucker if you would like to know more about the role</p>	<p>Reminder to all Club Secretaries, please ensure you get all your information ready for the affiliations, the window is open from 1st - 28th February. Remember, anyone who is a member of your club that steps onto the green to bowl <b>MUST BE AFFILIATED</b>, even if they only play once a month.</p>
<p>Message to new bowlers: If you want to improve your bowling skills, one way to do it is to enter the County competitions and playing against people outside of your own club. Why not give it a go and enter the comps this year.</p>	<p><b>BS Mens Presidents Tour Daves Tour</b> 14th - 19th September 2025 Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish, Devon overlooking Lyme Bay. Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, pre-dinner drink reception serving 1 glass beer, wine, sherry or soft drink. Fixtures: 4 bowling fixtures to include tea/coffee and biscuits (venues proposed: Sidmouth, Ottery St Mary, Madeira- Exmouth and probably one in Torquay) Coach: Exclusive hire for duration of tour including travel to and from Devon and available throughout the tour for both bowlers and non bowlers (this will allow for those not bowling to visit the local area whilst others are playing) Please contact <a href="mailto:linda.aburn@outlook.com">linda.aburn@outlook.com</a></p>
<p><b>BS Womens Presidents Tour Charlottes Tour</b> 24/9/25 to 1/10/25 'Little Trains of the Pyrenees'. Enjoy slow train journeys, through the beautiful border country between Spain and France, on some wonderful mountain railways. Journey into the heart of the Pyrenean countryside aboard some delightful railways. Wind your way up into the mountains. Stay in a colourful, unspoilt resort on the Costa Brava beside the blue Mediterranean and enjoy a ride on a 'road train' in Roses on this perfect rail holiday. Please contact <a href="mailto:charlotte_emanuel@sky.com">charlotte_emanuel@sky.com</a></p>	