

Great Shelford Bowls Club Report for The Parish Council



Looking back over the last couple of years has made some interesting reading. 2020 was very nearly a blank year for our Club. The Covid rules at the time pretty well stopped any activity on the greens. Very few of our members wanted to turn out even for a practice so few of them wanted to pay for a membership either, understandable in the circumstances. We were left with very little income. Initially we were very concerned because we still had to maintain our greens even though we were not using them. Our expenditure carried on and our savings started to dwindle.

We were fortunate to say the least.

The South Cambridge District Council, The Great Shelford Parish Council and the Community Chest came to our aid with Business rate relief and donations that saw us through the year.

To add to our wow's we had a major water leak in our pavilion and both our lawnmowers decide to give up on us at the end of the 2021 season. We were able to redecorate our Pavilion and fit the new kitchen that we had purchased at the end of 2020 with the help of The Community Chest, ready for us to use during the 2021 playing season. We have renovated our large mower with help from the Parish Council, that should see us through for at least a couple of years.

2021 saw us playing a full program of fixtures, both home and away and internal Club competitions.

We had a good year recruiting new members and finished the year with almost 40 playing members. We are hoping that the majority will play for us again in 2022.

Our activities start on the 12th March with a fundraising Tabletop Sale in the Memorial Hall followed by a coffee morning on the 9th April where we hope to welcome new members and existing members joining the Club for another year.

Our Playing Season starts on 26th April 2022 with an away match at Girton.

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