

PARWICH CROWN GREEN BOWLS CLUB

Statement for the Parish Council Annual Meeting
17th May 2023

The club continues to play during the summer at Parson's Croft. We were lucky during the last 12 months to obtain grants which enabled us to purchase a new mower and scarifier which has improved the quality of the playing surface thanks to John Henbery's hard work.

We continue to compete in 2 Matlock Leagues on Tuesday and Thursday. Whilst the Thursday afternoon league is for the older players the Tuesday evening league is for any age group. In addition we meet regularly on Sunday afternoons for practice, social bowls and occasional friendlies against other clubs. We also hold in-house competitions for those who wish to take part.

Our continuing problem is attracting new members – we only have 16 at present which makes the club barely viable especially as general ground maintenance becomes more difficult as we all get older. Our unanimous opinion is that the closure of the bowls club would be a tremendous loss for the village and this will be the eventual outcome without new, younger members. We advertise around the local area and are holding an Open Day on May 20th in the hopes that we might encourage a few people to give the game a try. The cost of membership is minimal.

We appreciate the help the Parish Council has given us in the past.