



**Now you have made the first step
JOIN IN AND ENJOY THIS GAME**

**If you have any questions please do not
hesitate to ask any members in and around
the club.**



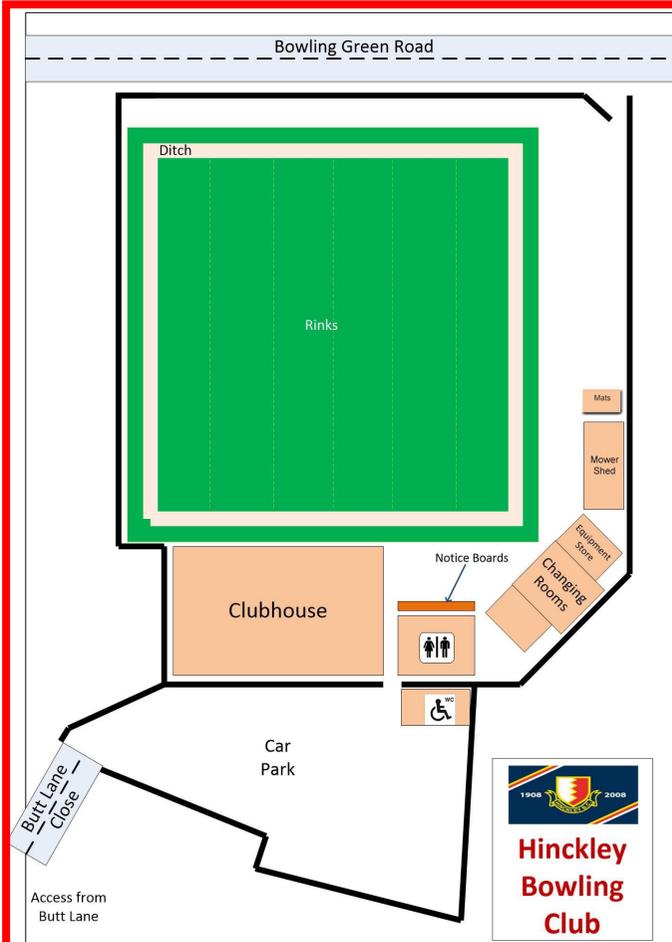
Information is available on the club website

www.hinckleybowlingclub.co.uk

There is also a facebook page for members

 **Hinckley Bowling Club Members**

**IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF
ANYTHING AT ALL, PLEASE ASK**



Directions to the Bowling Club

On Foot (post code LE10 1EX)

If you are walking it can be accessed by a gate, half way down Bowling Green Road (on the left if you are going down the hill).

By Car (post code LE10 1LF)

If you are arriving by car you will need to make your way to the car park which is accessed via Butt Lane Close. This is an unadopted private road and is opposite Hinckley Parks Primary School on Butt Lane. The car park is at the end of this road.



Hinckley Bowling Club



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Welcome

This booklet is intended to help you start and feel welcome at our club.

What is the object of the game?

The object is to get one or more bowls closer to the Jack than those of the opposition. One point is scored for each counting bowl. After playing all bowls in one direction and agreeing the score; the direction of play is reversed for the next end.



Where is the game played?

Bowls is played on closely cut grass called the GREEN. The green is divided up into, usually six, playing areas which we call RINKS. The green is



Do I need to buy my own bowls?

Not straight away. The club does have some you may borrow, or a friend may have a set you could borrow. Do not buy bowls until you know what size and type is suitable for you.

How do I start to learn the game?

Hinckley Bowling Club has a number of members who have coaching qualifications. All are willing and eager to offer advice and help with any aspect of the game. See the club noticeboards for contact details of our qualified coaches.

When can I Play ?

You are free to practise / "roll up" on mornings , afternoons or evenings whenever the rink is free. There is a booking sheet on the notice board allowing you to see when a rink is available and to make a booking. There is also a casual bowling session arranged for most Friday evenings.

Can I play in Club games?

Yes, it is one of the best ways to practise and learn the game. There are many friendly Club matches arranged against other local clubs.

There are matches almost every Saturday, and Thursday afternoon as well as matches on some Wednesdays.

All members are welcome to participate. Simply tick yourself as available on the match availability sheet posted on the noticeboard in the two weeks before the match.

Any member will be willing to guide you through the procedure, so please feel free to ask.

What do I need to wear?

When on the green you must wear flat shoes, **(no heels)** ideally purpose-made bowling shoes or flat soled trainers

There are three dress codes

CASUAL - respectable casual dress in line with club rules

GREYS - Grey below the waist with white/club shirt

WHITES - White below the waist with white/club shirt

Club shirts are required for most matches and are available to purchase in various sizes.

Practise : CASUAL

Evening games : GREYS

Afternoon games : WHITES or GREYS (as advised)

What costs are involved?

Practise - free if you are a club member.

Games - a small match fee is involved - ask the Club Secretary or one of the Captains for more details.

How do I get into the Club /Green?

Once you have been accepted as a member, you will be issued with the combination to the car park gate and the changing rooms. Keys to the Bowling Green Road gate are also available to buy.

Where is the equipment stored?

Mats, jacks etc. are kept with the pushers next to the mower Shed. Please put away tidily after use.

A Short list of terms used in Bowling.

Green- This is the area the game is played on.

Wood or Bowl - The ball that bowlers use to send towards the jack

Jack - This is the small white bowl that you and the other bowlers want to get their own bowls closest to.

Backhand - This is when you swing the bowl across your body to the side from which you want to send the shot.

Forehand - This is a move that sends the bowl from the same side of the body that the hand holding the bowl is on.

A Roll up - This term is used for when you practise alone or with one or two other bowlers.

The Shot - This is the bowl that is nearest to the jack when the end is finished.

The Head - The cluster of bowls around the jack, during and at the finish of an end is called the 'head'.

