

# Longstanton Bowls Club



## Report to Longstanton's Annual Parish Meeting

Last year was one of the most successful in the club's history with both our Cambridge and District teams winning promotion in their respective divisions. The challenge this year is to consolidate our position in these higher divisions.

During the winter months a considerable amount of work was done on the green to further improve the flatness and quality of the bowling surface and whilst we're not yet reached a championship standard, our green is envied by the majority of clubs in the area.

This year, for the first time, the club has entered a team in the Ely and District mixed league afternoon league. In addition to providing an opportunity to visit new clubs and bowl on different greens, matches are played in the afternoon instead of the evening, which some of our members prefer.

Whilst some Lawn Bowls clubs in the area are struggling for members, Longstanton is currently going from strength to strength and our playing membership is growing year on year. We have members travelling from Cottenham, Cambridge, Milton and Caldecote to play for Longstanton so, we must be doing something right! The challenge now, is to ensure everyone gets a game.

I'm pleased to report the Parish Council, Community Hub sub-committee visited the Bowls club in March 2017. The visit gave the Bowls club the opportunity to explain and demonstrate, to the sub-committee, what's required to both run and maintain a lawn green bowling club. As a follow-up to the meeting a list of 8 high level requirements that need to be considered when finalising the detailed design for the new building were submitted to the Parish Clerk. The Bowls Club is now awaiting a response from the Parish Council.

**David Slights**  
Chairman