



# Friends of Huntingtree Park

*A pleasant environment for all to enjoy*

## Use of the Bowling Green 2024 (Sat 6 Apr > Mon 1 Oct)

The full subscription for the use of the Green is set at **£40 for the 2024 season**. This reflects an increase in charges by our Green-keeper Andy Hinton (the first increase for several years) and continuing cost increases in materials for the maintenance of the green.

Balance sheet for the 2023-24 season

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Subscriptions & donations	£2373	Maintenance (labour)	£2200
Fundraising	£222	Seed, treatments etc.	£690
Total	<u>£2595</u>		<u>£2890</u>

### **Shortfall £295**

This shortfall has been made up from financial reserves but indicates the need to increase bowling numbers and fundraising.

Andy reports that the green is at present in very good condition. There is good quality grass density with little moss or disease. As usual, there is a fox causing some minor damage. Unfortunately, all we can do is fill in the holes and block off the runs as they are found. A bucket of sand top dressing is normally left by the side of the green for bowlers to fill in any fox damage as and when it appears. During the winter it has been spiked, aerated, drip fed and treated for moss. It is planned to be hollow tined and scarified before the start of the season.

A subscription entitles a bowler to use the Green throughout the week and as often as they wish. Bowlers should be aware that the Green can be busy on Tuesdays;

- From 10am till 2pm for bowling tuition
- In the evening from 6pm when the Green is reserved for Old Halesonian bowlers who have an exclusive group booking.

For visiting bowlers there is a nominal charge of **£2 per session** so that Subscribers can invite a guest to play. This charge should be added to your next subscription or passed to a committee member or Colin Gibbons.

**Subscriptions** can be paid by cheque made payable to "*Friends of Huntingtree Park*" and together with a stamped self-addressed envelope and the contact details slip below, delivered to; **Jane Matthews, 112 Huntingtree Road, Halesowen, B63 4HH**

When subscription payment is received you will get a Bowling Access card which gives the Gate padlock code and a receipt.

Preferably, to reduce administration, you can pay by Bank transfer to;

**Sort Code 20-84-13 Account number 03422151**

1. When making a transfer be sure to include your name as the Display Name so that we can identify your payment.
2. At the same time send an email to [alandothackett@gmail.com](mailto:alandothackett@gmail.com) to notify the *Friends of Huntingtree Park* of your transfer.
3. We will monitor our Bank account and send an email reply acknowledging payment and giving the Gate access code. If requested a Bowling Access Card can be arranged.

Insecticides, disease and moss control treatments are used on the green during it's maintenance. Therefore we recommend bowlers use good practice and wash their hands as soon as feasible after playing and clean their bowling equipment regularly.

Once again we are planning to hold a Coffee morning at 10-30 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, the first day of the new season so that bowlers can reconnect with bowling friends and make fresh plans. At this event we will be joined by family of Margaret Bond, a dear colleague, friend and bowler to inaugurate a new bench to her memory.

Please support if you are able.

We will use your email address in future to notify you of any changes in access to the green and any fund-raising events



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