



Friends of Huntingtree Park

A pleasant environment for all to enjoy

Use of the Bowling Green 2023 (Sat 1 Apr > Sat 30 Sept)

The full subscription for the use of the Green is set at **£36 for the 2023 season**. This represents a modest increase of 3%.

As a registered charity, the *Friends* trustees have to agree with the Commissioners to a financial reserve policy to cover unplanned changes in income or expenditure. This proved difficult to maintain during COVID times when bowling membership fell due to the uncertainty of play restrictions. Though bowling numbers have recovered they are still not at pre-COVID levels. Hence the 2021/22 Bowling green account showed only a nominal surplus.

INCOME

Subscriptions	£2307
Donations & fundraising	£489
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Total	£2796

EXPENDITURE

Maintenance (labour)	£2200
Seed, treatments etc.	£276
Sundries	£11
Lease	<u>£250</u>
	£2737

Surplus £59

Our supplier of treatments, seed etc. has notified us of price increases in 2023.

Record temperatures in summer 2022 meant that the green required additional work, especially with more seed and top dressing than normal. It also required additional wetting agents and watering during the dry periods.

During the close season, it has been hollow tined, heavily over seeded and top dressed. It has also been treated with the appropriate insecticides, disease and moss control. During the colder months it does become more dormant but will show significant improvement as we come into the spring. It will again be hollow tined and scarified before the start of the season.

We have on going issues with foxes digging on the green. Unfortunately all we can do is fill the holes and block off their runs as they are found. A bucket of sand top dressing is left by the side of the green for bowlers to fill in any fox damage as and when it appears.

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 is busy on Tuesdays;

- early morning for planned maintenance
- 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. Send an email to 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.

We are planning to hold a coffee morning on Saturday 1 April, the first day of of the new season so that bowlers can reconnect with bowling friends and make fresh plans. Please support if you are able. Details to follow.

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





In order for us to maintain our records and send further details, please give us;

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____