

# Lancashire Development Officer Report 2023

## Bowls Big Weekend

Publicised via the County website and encouraged clubs to take part. Very successful at Ormskirk BC.

## Bowl for Health/Bowl for Fun

Successfully run at Ormskirk BC (over 30 attended and 22 new bowlers joined the club). I am looking to roll this out across Lancashire in 2025 and have had an initial meeting with the BDA Regional Development Officer and the North Lancs & Fylde Development Officer to discuss broad concepts.



Being Active Feels Great  
**Bowl for Fun**

Fancy a New Challenge?  
Meet new people and make friends.  
Get active and get some fresh air.  
*Bowling is a fantastic way to get active in a fun, social environment, suitable for all ages and abilities. Great fun for everyone, male, female, why not bring a friend or family member!*

**Only £2 per session**  
6 Week Course, Starts Thurs 4th May 7pm  
at Ormskirk Bowling Club

 For further information call Ian Gill on 07500 918081  
or visit [www.ormskirkbowlingclub.com](http://www.ormskirkbowlingclub.com)  
Rear of Ormskirk Cricket Club, Alys Lane, Ormskirk L39 2RG

## Presentation at Dunscar BC (March 2023)

Well attended and advice given on Club Development to those present – clubs invited from across the County area. The presentation is available on the Lancs website.



## County website

I have further improved the County Website to contain more information and advice on Club Development - [Club Development | Lancashire County Crown Green Bowling Association \(lancashirebowls.com\)](#)

## Funding Guide

I have produced a funding guide for clubs to refer to when making funding bids.

This gives possible sources of funding and tips on how to make an application.

This is available on the County website at [Funding | Lancashire County Crown Green Bowling Association \(lancashirebowls.com\)](#).



## Funding Guide

Help for Clubs on where  
and how to access funding

## Coaching Course

A Level 1 Coaching Course was held at Coppull CC. Attendees came from both Lancashire and North Lancs & Fylde areas. Completed in 2024

## Schools Events

### Bolton Schools events

Training session held at Gaskell Primary School. Followed by Bowls Blitz event held at Bolton Arena with several primary schools attending and competing. This was extremely successful.

### Pontville School Event, Ormskirk

Children with special needs (autism) able to try bowls at their fun day. This really engaged certain children.

## South Ribble Schools

Events held in Leyland, Much Hoole and New Longton. Training and competitions held between primary schools on the bowling greens.

*The South Ribble Schools have absolutely loved the Bowls Festivals this year. It has been a wonderful chance for all schools to come together and engage in a new sport most have not done before. It has also allowed them the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new friends and school teachers to network across their local bowls club. We cannot wait to continue the partnership and keep pushing this for years to come.*

**Anthony Graham**

School Games Organiser

## West Lancashire Schools

Events held at Burscough Sports Centre, organised jointly with the West Lancashire Sports Partnership. Fun games in first session followed by a Bowls Blitz competition format. 17 schools in total over two events in March/April, each bringing 8 pupils. Feedback from 6 of the schools was as follows.

6. Overall how would you rate the event? (select relevant box).

[More Details](#)

● Poor	0
● Average	0
● Good	3
● Brilliant	3



### Responses

Thank you for a terrific event!

Children are interested in joining the bowls club. Fun games and children improving target skills.

Children really enjoyed the morning and was a great opportunity for those who don't go to other sporting events.

Longer games or more games.

A great introduction to bowls for our young people. Bob and John were excellent with our young people. Thank you.

Lathom Park School – 6 May - all year groups trained in bowls using Bowls Buddies equipment

## **Help for Clubs**

Various clubs advised as set out below.

- Bellingham BC - Attended a meeting at Bellingham BC to advise on attracting new members and also met with them to develop a website for their club, which is now up and running.
- Advice on open days to Hilltop (Blackrod), Bay Horse (Adlington), Railway Inst, Farnworth Parks Vets
- Advice on new green at Crawford near Skelmersdale.
- Advice to Up Holland Parish Council on purchasing equipment for bowlers.

## **Development Plan**

Lancashire needs a development plan to set smart objectives for taking forward crown green bowls in Lancashire. This will be worked on by myself with the aim of getting it discussed by the Committee in 2024 and then getting it circulated to clubs for comments before adoption.

**Ian Gill**

**Development Officer**

**Lancashire County Crown Green Bowling Association**