GOXHILL BOWLING CLUB C.I.O.

Trustees' Annual Report
for the year to 31 October 2026

Charity registration number	1195169
Trustees *(currently & for the whole period unless shown otherwise)*	Peter TK Cox Christine M Ellis John Guggiari Anthony W Hebblewhite Stewart G Smith
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Banker	Barclays Bank plc

The Trustees submit their annual report and financial statements covering the year ending 31 October 2026. Goxhill Bowling Club ('the Club') is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Objects

The objects of Goxhill Bowling Club CIO ('the Charity') are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the inhabitants of Goxhill and the neighbouring area through providing a green and other facilities for bowling.

Review of activities during the period

To promote bowling as a sport, we tried a few different ideas during the past year but with mixed success. A novelty bowls day, creating the equivalent of "crazy golf" with obstacles and equipment, was very popular as one of many village activities celebrating the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Whilst, in 2022, it only resulted in a couple of recruits to membership, we felt it was worth repeating. Sadly, apart from our members' families we had literally only a handful of people giving it a try despite good weather and no obvious clashes with other local events. The trustee running our Tuesday afternoon bowls drives, open for anyone to attend on a pay-as-you-go basis, took it upon himself to offer a free 2027 club membership to the person scoring the highest average shots during the summer. That sparked quite a lot of interest from existing bowlers and has clearly contributed to individuals' development across the season and, hopefully, will encourage more to join our pool of league bowlers. This competitive element was achieved without spoiling the pleasure for those wanting just a pleasant, sociable way to mix and enjoy the game.

At a sporting level we thank our four league captains who have ensured that, through encouragement, persuasion and supporting new bowlers, we have managed to fulfil all of our league match commitments. At the end of 2025 we lost half a dozen experienced bowlers, who either moved out of the area or joined other clubs that they felt might better support their silverware ambitions. Whilst new league bowlers kept up our player numbers it left our teams somewhat short on experience and this was reflected in our final league positions. Relegated from the top divisions of both the Scunthorpe & District Bowls League and the North Lincolnshire Bowls Mixed Triples League, we finished 5th of 10 teams in the Grimsby, Cleethorpes & District Bowling Association Premier Division, and second from bottom in the Barnetby & District Bowling League. It was not all bad news as we won the B&DBL Shield and lost at the semi-final stage of another knockout competition. Reluctantly our captains decided that it would be advisable to drop out of one of the leagues for 2027 and until we see an increase in the number of our members who are interested in league bowling. Which league we drop will be decided by our members at the Annual General Meeting The remaining three leagues should still provide a lot of playing opportunities without anyone feeling the pressure to play more frequently than they really want to, which has been the case for some this year. By the end of the season the experience and improvements gained by our newer bowlers was feeding

through into results and dropping down a division should help create the winning habit that has not been possible against stronger opposition this year.

We have continued to invest in our bowling green in support of our philosophy that a good quality green helps ensure that bowling is as enjoyable as possible for both newcomers and experienced players. Alongside the expenditure required we are again indebted to the voluntary labour of our 'Green Team' who generously commit their time to keeping the green, and the whole Manor Lane site, at their best. This year our post-season renovation included buying in the services of a hollow tining machine and top-dressing spreader – a more fundamental renovation than usual that was last undertaken ten years ago. Financially this was made possible by generous donations from both current and past members of the club and local businesses. Again, it entailed a considerable amount of manual labour by our members with many more volunteers assisting the Green Team.

Our primary sources of regular income included £1.8K membership subscriptions, £1.5K match fees and £0.4K from bowls drives. We are grateful to the advertizers who stayed loyal to us in 2025 and all of whom renewed for 2026 to provide a further £0.6K, although we were unable to recruit any new advertizers. As stated above, donations have been at an unprecedented level - £3.3K - thanks almost entirely to the determination and efforts of an ex-trustee of the charity as a self-appointed but trustee-endorsed fundraiser. As well as donations from our current & ex-members, who prefer to remain anonymous, we are grateful to Barrow Rotary Club and the following businesses: Keigar Homes Ltd, SJ Barrick Ltd, Beechgrove Farms Ltd, North Killingholme Transport Ltd, Finch Farms Ltd, T Shephardson Motor Engineers and Belmont Jet Clean. We also raised £1.5K from sale of the Allett Tournament mower that was replaced by the grant-funded Dennis mower purchased at the end of 2025.

Expenditure continues to increase across the board although the pattern by category was somewhat different this year. Owning new machinery under warranty reduced the need for maintenance but irrigation of the green during the hot, dry weather increased our water bill to £1.2K - nearly 140% above 2025's £0.5K. Green maintenance costs came to a total of just over £3.8K although this included the afore-mentioned renovation and top-dressing of the bowling green, itself about half that total, and late-billed charges for 2025 post-season work. Electricity costs were 15% up on the previous year, which we attribute to running the irrigation system more frequently. Whilst our electricity contract renews at much higher rates next year that will only affect the final 3 months of those accounts.

Having considered the Charity's reserves at the end of the year, the Trustees are satisfied that, particularly with the level of donations this year, they are sufficient to cover essential running costs along with a contingency fund. We will continue to seek ways to improve our income through reviving the past income stream from advertizing boards and identifying potential new sources of revenue.

The Trustees wish to record their gratitude to the many volunteers who help the Charity and Club achieve success through their selfless commitment and enthusiasm. We rely on everyone who helps whether it is through fundraising, greenkeeping, community activity, running gala days & competitions, team selections, match arrangements, and all the many administrative tasks that help us achieve our objectives.

Management and responsibilities

The Trustees collectively administer the charity. Trustees must be full members of the charity and are elected at its Annual General Meeting with one-third of them retiring at each AGM but eligible for re-election. Additional Trustees to fill vacancies may be co-opted during the year until a maximum of nine trustees are in post. Names of all current Trustees, along with those who served in that capacity during the year, appear on page 1 of this report.

The Trustees recognize their collective responsibility for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended accounts at pages 3 to 7 have been prepared on a cash basis, with the resulting reports included as part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 5th November 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

J Guggiari CIO & Club Secretary

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ending 31 October 2026

	Note	2025/26 £p	2024/25 £p
Receipts			
Fundraising			
Raffles & Cards		214.00	202.00
Refreshments		33.70	128.75
Bowls drives		451.00	466.00
Pavilion use		20.00	410.00
Advert boards	1	600.00	600.00
Grants	2	-	9,500.00
Donations gift aided	3	1,728.50	-
Donations other	4	1,602.50	111.50
Club Member Fees			
Subscriptions		1,775.00	1,860.00
Match fees		1,482.00	1,450.00
Ind.Comp. Entries		108.50	98.25
Competitions & Green Fees			
Open		396.00	480.00
Club		148.00	131.00
Other		143.00	43.00
Other			
Club & League dinners		250.00	180.00
Club shirts		117.00	33.50
Sundry receipts	5	1,500.00	30.00
		10,569.20	15,724.00

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	Note	2025/26 £p	2024/25 £p
Payments			
Club Member fees			
County & League affiliations		380.00	389.00
Match travel		1,090.50	939.50
Ind.Comp. Entries		108.50	98.25
Prizes & Trophies			
Open prizes & engraving		357.50	224.50
Club trophy engraving	6	130.20	-
Repairs & Maintenance			
Mowers & green equipment		28.01	660.78
Sprinkler irrigation system		-	200.00
Sheds R&M		120.00	-
Pavilion		-	9.00
Other R&M		261.60	576.19
New fixed assets	7	27.25	10,849.96
Green Maintenance			
Fertilizer, seed & top dressing		1,878.40	-
Petrol & oil		122.02	93.24
AGC contract services	8	1,817.00	-
Other recurring costs			
Electricity	9	588.96	509.02
Water		1,184.58	497.22
Insurance	10	583.19	557.09
Green waste collection	11	364.20	836.40
Donations			
In memoriam		-	20.00
Administrative			
Post & stationery		79.73	33.49
Club & League dinners		195.00	110.00
Lease legal fees	12	-	723.40
Sundry payments		115.73	121.94
		9,432.37	17,448.98

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	Note	2025/26 £p	2024/25 £p
Net surplus (deficit)		1,136.83	(1,724.98)
b/f cash & bank balances		2,356.19	4,081.17
c/f cash & bank balances		3,493.02	2,356.19
comprising			
Key deposits		(90.00)	(60.00)
Cash TH		193.91	1,230.47
Cash JG		8.30	12.24
Barclays Bank		3,380.81	1,173.48
		3,493.02	2,356.19

Notes

1 - Advertizing boards at £50 per season.

2 - NLC Community grant in 2024/25

3 - tax refunds for gift aid only claimable after tax year end

4 - commercial donors detailed in Trustees' Annual Report

5 - sale of Allett Tournament mower

6 - engraving re both 2025 & 2026 paid in 2025/26

7 - new Dennis mower in 2024/25

8 - post-season green renovation re both 2025 & 2026 paid in 2025/26

9 - contract with YU Energy with rate fixed until July 2027.

10 - Building, contents, bowling green & public liability insurance.

11 - refund relating to 2024/25 received in 2025/26.

12 - no further lease fees due after 2024/25 payment.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31 October 2026

			31-Oct-26	*31-Oct-25*
			£	*£*
Cash funds				
	Barclays current account		3,380.81	*1,173.48*
	Petty cash		202.21	*1,242.71*
less	returnable key deposits		(90.00)	*(60.00)*
			3,493.02	*2,356.19*
Assets retained for own use		*1*		
Buildings				
	Club Pavilion	*2*	179,000	*133,320*
	Storage container	*3*	2,500	*2,500*
	Shed (old pavilion)	*4*	6,000	*6,000*
	Visitors chalet		4,440	*4,440*
			191,940	*146,260*
Bowling Green				
	Bowling Green at reinstatement valuation		75,000	*25,000*
Maintenance equipment				
	Dennis FT610 mower c/w 10 blade cassette		8,610	*8,610*
	Dennis D110TT verticutter cassette		1,998	*1,998*
	Allett Tournament 24 mower	*5*	-	*1,000*
	Atco Royale (winter mower)	*3*	750	*1,000*
	Mountfield ride-on mower		1,112	*1,112*
	Viking mower		399	*399*
	Sprinkler system	*4*	5,000	*5,000*
	Strimmers x2		450	*450*
	Stihl hedgetrimmer (long-reach, battery)		385	*385*
	Hedgecutter (petrol)		200	*200*
	Stihl blower (petrol)		250	*250*
	Allett spiker attachment	*4*	200	*200*
	John Deere scarifier att.	*4*	200	*200*
	Cobra scarifier	*4*	300	*300*
	Drag brush		186	*186*
	Air compressor		108	*108*
			20,148	*21,398*

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		31-Oct-26	*31-Oct-25*
		£	*£*
Other Assets			
Fencing		2,900	*2,900*
Electric fencing		416	*416*
Bowling equipment	4	1,264	*1,264*
Trophies	4	500	*500*
Junior Ace bowls (3 sets)		385	*385*
Pavilion kitchen fixtures		3,950	*3,950*
CCTV		175	*175*
Trophy cabinet		250	*242*
Pavilion shelving		165	*165*
Stock of shirts: 14 new & 8 pre-owned		320	*377*
		10,325	*10,374*
		297,413	*203,032*

Liabilities

The charity had no material liabilities or financial commitments at the year end.

Notes

1 All shown at original cost unless otherwise indicated.

2 2025 is insurance valuation by Rebuild Cost Assessment Limited at 18Nov19.
2026 is adjusted by latest UK Building Cost Indices at 30Sep26.

3 Estimated replacement cost for used equivalent

4 Estimated new replacement cost.

5 Sold for £1,500 in November 2025