

Trustee Annual Report

North West Zone NIC 103631

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Charity Purpose –

1. Promote interest in short mat bowls within the North West Zone area. The direct benefits which flow from this will increase an understanding of the rules and regulations surrounding short mat bowls. These benefits will be demonstrated through feed-back received from zone members and the general public attending matches. There is no harm from this purpose. The only beneficiaries will be the players and general public.
2. Preserve the existence of short mat bowling in the area, and develop the skills of both young and old, and encourage its enjoyment among clubs within the zone. These benefits will be clearly seen through the youth development programme that exists, and from comments received via senior players within the zone. There is no harm from this purpose. Those benefitting will be the general public and our members who will continue to develop their bowling skills. Private benefit may arise from purpose 2 as members receive the necessary training.
3. Encourage persons of all ages and sexes to develop their bowling skills and talents. The benefits from purpose 3 will ensure North West zone maintains high level of bowling Skill within the country. These benefits will be demonstrated through success in local, national and British Championships by Zone Teams and individual zone members..

Trustees- Thomas Cochrane, Russell Kennedy, Martin McNicholl, Charlie Mearns, Brian Rankin, Gary Watson.

Main Activities

Plays short mat bowls in locally around Limavady and throughout Ireland during inter zone competitions.

Achievements-

During the 2023-2024 season we won both the Ladies and Mens all Ireland Inter zone competitions. The mens team won the British Isles Top Team. We also had players representing Ireland and Ireland A in the British Isles Championships and Ireland at the World Bowls. Our juniors won the all Ireland Rinks.

The Trustees regard the Commissions Public Benefit and North West Zone Bowls is open to all, to improve community development and advance amateur sports. Added benefits help to stay healthy and provide social interaction.

Financial Summary- 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Monies raised are by Annual Zone Fees per Club and a small percentage income from National Play offs, Zone matches and tournaments towards the end of season.

The accounts are presented annual at the AGM and audited by 2 independent auditors.

Opening Balance £2206.32

Closing Balance £ 1291.32