

Report from Eastry Bowling Club 2024

Eastry Bowling Club has been in existence for over one hundred years and bowls has been played on the green by the Parish Room since this time. The Club is one of the oldest in the County of Kent. Unlike the majority of Kent bowling clubs, who play on six rinks, Eastry only has four rinks. This means we are a very small club and we have to work hard to maintain membership numbers promote the Club and continue to be financially viable. Revenue streams come from membership fees, raffles, and some advertising and green fees.

The upkeep of the green by a professional green keeping company is undertaken once, twice if needed, a year. The cost of this runs into thousands of pounds. It is the Clubs biggest financial outlay but is essential if Eastry Bowling Club is to continue to compete against other clubs. Club volunteers maintain the green between professional green treatments.

The location of Eastry Bowling Club green is one of its biggest assets. Playing bowls on a summer's day is idyllic. Visiting clubs often comment with pleasure as to how much they like to play at Eastry. This year the Club is playing twenty one home games with the equivalent of games being played away. Four internal competitions are also scheduled into this year's fixture.

Eastry Bowling Club is embedded within its community as both within the Village and with surrounding villages and towns. The Club is inclusive and welcomes all ages, gender and ethnicity. The Club offers open sessions and coaching for anyone who would like to try their hand at bowls. No experience is needed and bowls can be provided. The Club works to promote links with other Village organisations such as Guides and Short Mat Bowls. The Club is a great community asset- if anyone would like to have a go at bowls please contact Phil on 07825 334077. We would love to meet you.