

## **Red Triangle Community Bowls Club - 2023.**

The Red Triangle Bowls Club is the oldest bowls club in Wickham Market. The club only plays friendly matches without the pressures of league match fixtures and commitments. This also means that we are not affiliated to Bowls England and can keep membership fees to an absolute minimum which is important for families with children.

In addition to friendly matches the club has internal cup matches and organised drives as well as informal roll ups and games organised between members

After the two years of the Covid pandemic membership has dropped and the club needs more active members to help with day to day running of the club, help with maintenance of the Green and Facilities and to increase income to ensure longer term survival. We will be concentrating efforts on recruitment of new members with an emphasis on younger families with children.

We hope to continue with the arrangements for children in years 3 & 4 at Wickham Market Primary School to play lawn bowls at the green during the summer term. The staff at the School said that the children really enjoyed playing an alternative sport and that it was also open for more children do not participate in other more traditional school sports. We also hope to continue with the junior section which was active during the 2022 season.

The hot dry summer last year damaged the green and this year we will be opening late to give time for renovation of the green and new grass to establish as far as possible before playing on the surface. We therefore plan to open beginning of June rather than our usual opening time at the beginning of May.

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Chairman RTBC