



BOWLS SURREY FORUM 2023

Presenter Sheron Mitchell

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- **SCBA & SCWBA Juniors have now become one under Bowls Surrey.**



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The final phase will be to introduce a club rink booking system, hopefully in 2024, we would like to ask now how many of you may be interested, we will obviously send information to clubs later this year.



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We would now like to show you a DRAFT proposal of the new structure under Bowls Surrey.

Your input is vital, so we are looking to you to provide us with your initial thoughts today, so that they can be discussed and considered by the working group.



DRAFT COUNTY STRUCTURE 2024

Presenter Sheron Mitchell

The draft structure has been put together by the working group that was established following the 2022 AGM. It consists of the following people.

Sheron Mitchell – Bowls Surrey Administrator

Sylvia Russell

John Morton

Pam Lawrence

Robin Fudge

Zoe Hollins

David Tucker

Penny Bruno

Andrew Richardson

Charlotte Emanuel

Graham Dawber

Jackie Cornwell

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- **Our aim is that every club in the area will be visited at least once a year, by an Area committee member.**



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- **It is proposed that there be one vote per club at the AGM instead of the current two.**



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- It was mentioned earlier about the Phyl Hill Trophy (women) & the Walter Cross Trophy (men). These are the trophies that the areas compete for each year.
- The aim of the competition, is to allow the senior team managers to recognise potential players to play at the highest level and represent the county.



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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Treasurer	Development Officer	Administrator	General Secretary	Communications Officer	Competition Coordinator
Men's President	Men's V.P.	Men's Match Secretary	Women's Match Secretary	Women's V.P.	Women's President
Area 1 Secretary / Representative	Area 2 Secretary / Representative	Senior & Junior Team Managers Reporting to Management Committee only not attending.		Area 3 Secretary / Representative	Area 4 Secretary / Representative



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Treasurer	General Secretary	Chairperson	Administrator	Communication Officer	Governance Officer
Reporting to board only, not attending	Discipline / Misconduct Officer	Information Technology (IT) Officer	Safeguarding Officer		



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- **We are pleased to say that things have changed and are still changing, the fact that we are here together presenting this, is evidence that things have and are moving forward.**
- **History will tell you that it is not always easy, of course there will be members who will be sceptical, we understand & respect that.**



SCBA & SCWBA 2024

- Those of you who were at the Bowls Surrey AGM in November 2022, will be aware of the promise that was made, that the following would remain under the SCBA & SCWBA banners.

SCBA	SCWBA
That there would still be a Male President to represent all remaining aspects of the SCBA.	That there would still be a Female President to represent all remaining aspects of the SCWBA.
County & President' matches played under the association's flag.	County & President' matches played under the association's flag.
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Awards – Leopard, Life & Merit Benevolent Fund	Awards – Life & Loyal Service Benevolent Fund



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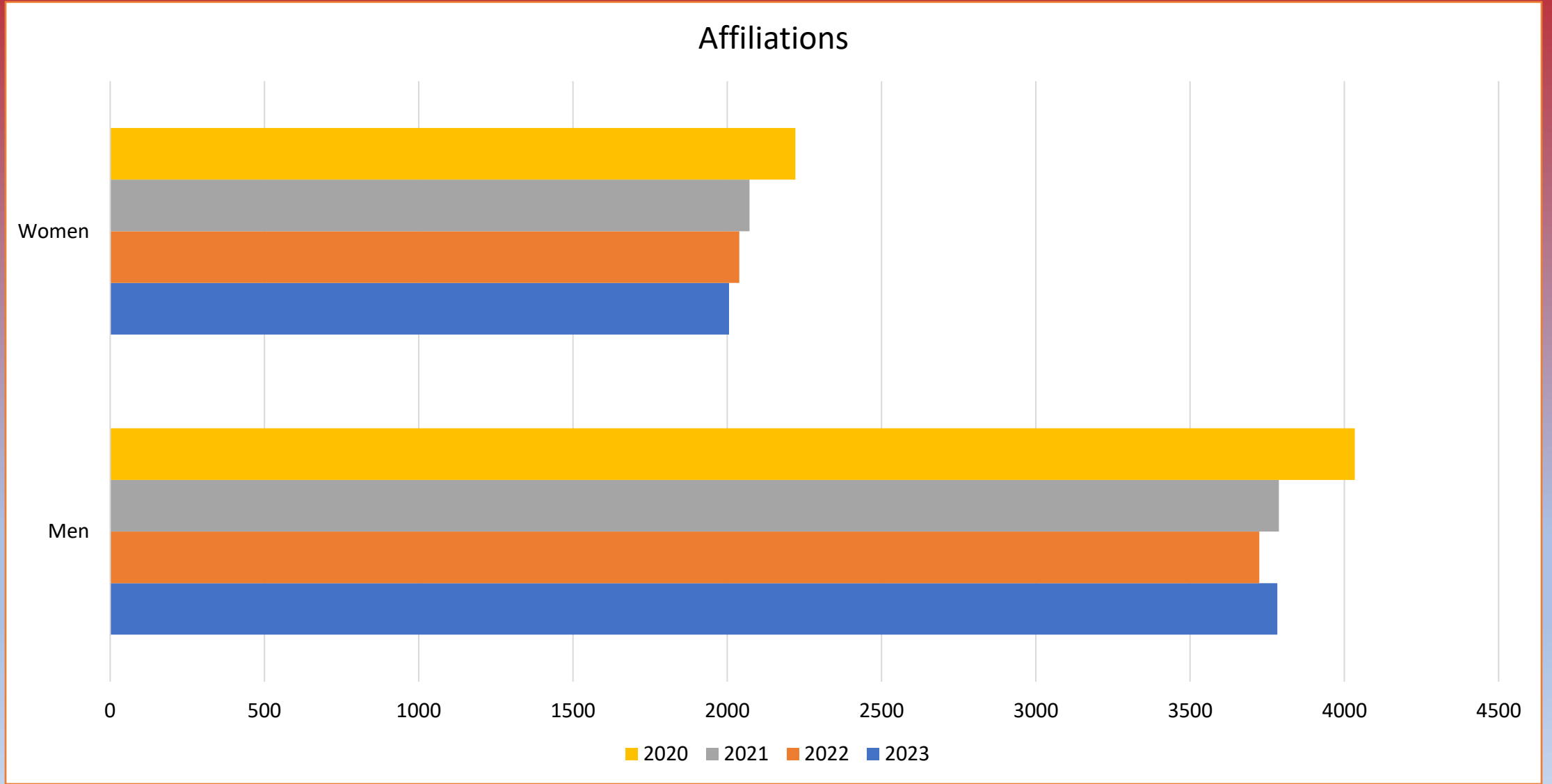


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- **As a result of Covid, our membership took a big hit, and we have not yet recovered from it.**
- **The bowling scene has changed & is still changing, there is more “social” bowling taking place & less “competitive” bowling.**
- **The next two slides show the Affiliation & competition figures.**

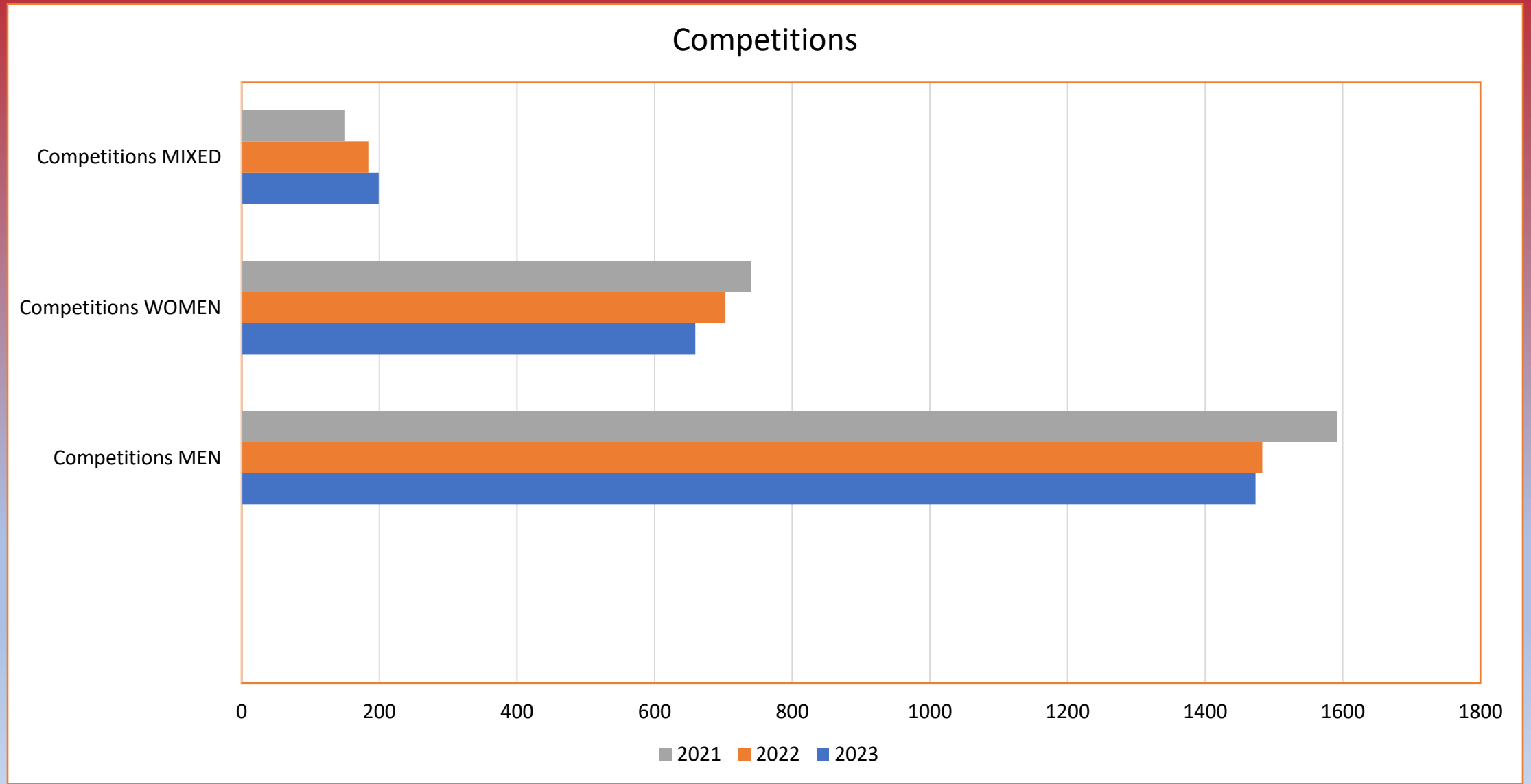


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We are just about managing to retain the membership level.

It is the responsibility of each club to instigate recruitment.

Bowls Surrey & Bowls England will do everything it can to assist.

Recruitment needs to be done if bowls is to survive.



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Championship competitions that lead to Leamington:-

- **Of the £3.50 entry fee, Bowls Surrey only get a £1, this has to cover the administration, prizes & winners Pennants.**

The remaining £2.50 goes to Bowls England.



AFFILIATIONS

- **Bowls Surrey are looking to streamline the administration & finances. Having two Associations there is a lot of duplication.**
- **It is hoped we can avoid having to increase our affiliation fees. However, this is subject to the county as a whole retaining its membership, which places a great responsibility on us all.**



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 - **This would mean that Clubs could hold their registrations in February & Bowls Surrey could run the affiliations in March, this would make life easier for the clubs & county.**
- “Watch this space, but don’t hold your breath” !!!**



AFFILIATIONS

- **Another question is “what do we get from Bowls England for our Affiliation”?**
- **Bowls England are working to bring more money in to the sport through Sport England & Sponsorship, they have just secured a three year sponsorship with AVIVA which is the third largest insurer in the country.**



AFFILIATIONS

Bowls England have put aside £300,000 to invest in the sport.

They have also been running a loan scheme to clubs, which is still available.

£650,000 was in the pot of which £560,000 has been allocated.

Currently no club has failed to make a repayment.

There is a great deal of support available to clubs, the next slide will provide you with a flavour of what is available.



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Running Your Club



Bowls' Big Weekend



Recruitment



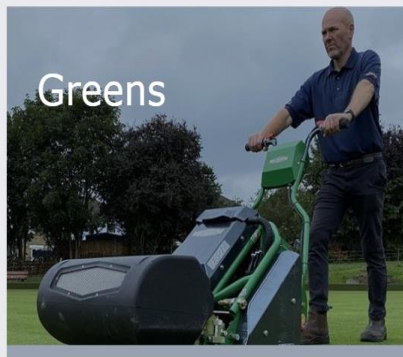
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Facilities



Greens



Legal & Data Protection



Competitions



Safeguarding



Disciplinary



Resources & Webinars



BOWLS BASH

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B BOWLS BASH


...is great for clubs, counties and our sport

- ✓ More people will try and enjoy bowls for the first time
- ✓ More chance of keeping new players
- ✓ Generate additional income
- ✓ Future full members and volunteers
- ✓ Promotes our sport and empowers existing players to advocate bowls
- ✓ Changes mainstream perceptions
- ✓ Secured £225k Sport England funding to help us go faster and further

B BOWLS BASH BOWLS ENGLAND

"The verdict from members was enthusiastic – with many planning to bring friends and family just to play for fun."

Ray Woods, Erdington Court BC, Warwickshire



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Timeline for 2023

	Target Date
Re-Launch to Clubs	January 2023
Club agreements signed	January 2023 onwards
Club Activator Training	1 x per month from January 2023
Additional club resources	February/March 2023
Resource packs distributed	March 2023
National marketing campaign	April 2023
Bowls' Big Weekend	May 2023
Sport England funding ends	September 2023



DISCUSSION TOPIC



- ✓ We've got an amazing product
 - ✓ We know clubs can really benefit
 - ✓ We have 320 free resource packs
1. How do we inspire 320 more clubs to deliver Bowls Bash in 2023?
 2. How can we work together to reach our target?
 3. What more can Bowls England do?
 4. What barriers do we need to overcome?





BOWLS BIG WEEKEND

<https://www.bowlsbigweekend.com/join-us-bowls-big-weekend-2023/>

BOWLS BIG WEEKEND 2022

JOIN US FOR BOWLS BIG WEEKEND 2023!

Roll up for a weekend of fun in the sun with bowls!

Bowls' Big Weekend is a national event taking place from **Friday 26th to Monday 29th May**, providing the opportunity for you, your friends and family to give bowls a go. Up and down the country bowls clubs will be opening their doors to people who want to try a new sport, have some fun and meet new people. With a summer of sport ahead there's no reason not to give the sport a go!

Once you register for your free session, you will receive notification via email and the relevant club will be informed. They will then engage with you to help ensure you have a fantastic time with them. All the clubs participating can be found by clicking the button below.

[Find A Bowls' Big Weekend Event](#)



BOWLS BIG WEEKEND

<https://www.bowlsbigweekend.com/join-us-bowls-big-weekend-2023/>

BOWLS BIG WEEKEND 2022

It's normal to feel a little apprehensive about starting something new, but bowls is a sport that is easy to take up and you'll be assured a warm welcome. It is very doable, whatever your physical ability, relatively inexpensive and is really sociable.

Want to learn more? Below are links to some further information!

- > [5 Reasons To Have A Go!](#)
- > [Basics for getting started](#)
- > [What to wear and bring](#)
- > [Learn the Lingo](#)
- > [Find a Bowls' Big Weekend event near you](#)



OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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What do clubs want from Surrey that is not being provided?
Please do not hold back, please share with us your thoughts.



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What would Surrey like to see from the clubs?

Tell us about anything significant that's going on.

Tell us about any initiatives that have been successful.

Tell us when your open days are on.



SAFEGUARDING

Bowls England are working very closely with the Bowls Development Alliance & there are numerous bulletins on both websites.

Bowls England have stated that every club has to have a Safeguarding officer by 2025, failure to do so could result in Bowls England rejecting your affiliation.

The next two slides show the Core tasks of a Club Safeguarding Officer:



SAFEGUARDING

- **Core tasks of a Club Safeguarding Officer:**
- • Assist the club in adopting and promoting the National Governing Body (NGB) policies and procedures which can be found here. <https://www.bowlsengland.com/safeguarding/>
- • Report all safeguarding concerns to the NGB Lead Safeguarding Officer for advice. These include all historic allegations and concerns relating to the current welfare/safeguarding of either adults or children in bowls, whether the issue is inside or outside of the sport.
- • Maintain confidentiality but do not promise secrecy. Safeguarding concerns involving children have to be reported to the Bowls England Safeguarding Lead. Safeguarding concerns involving adults at risk should also be reported to the Bowls England Safeguarding Lead on a 'no name basis'.
- • Assist the club to identify areas for development ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all participants.
- • Act as the first point of contact to staff, volunteers, members, children and parents in any issue concerning the safeguarding of participants, poor practice and potential or alleged abuse within or outside the sport.
- • Ensure that all incidents and concerns are dealt with in accordance with the NGB Guidelines which can be found here.
- • Ensure that all relevant members, volunteers and staff have the opportunity to access appropriate safeguarding training.
- • Ensure that appropriate procedures for safe recruitment of staff and volunteers are in place at the club.
- • Maintain contact details for the Bowls England Safeguarding Lead, Child Social Care (CSC) (previously Social Services), Adult Social Care (ASC) and the Police. Display these alongside your contact details at your club.
- • Ensure that codes of conduct found here are in place, understood and communicated to all members.



SAFEGUARDING

- **Essential skills:**

- • Basic administration and secure record maintenance.
- • Good communication skills.
- • The ability to keep strict confidentiality
- • Ability to manage and promote the National Governing Body (NGB) policies and procedures.

- **Desirable skills:**

- • Experience in working with children
- • Knowledge about child protection
- • Knowledge about adults at risk

- **Essential Training:** All clubs should ensure their Club Safeguarding Officer(s) attends relevant training courses to ensure that all participants are safe within their clubs.

- **Recognised courses include:**

- • Safeguarding & Protecting Children (UK Coaching/NSPCC)
- • Safeguarding in Bowls 'Time to Listen' (Coach Bowls)



ULEZ

Sheron Mitchell

- **WHAT IS ULEZ?**
 - **ULTRA LOW EMISSION ZONE**
- **WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY MEAN?**
 - London Ultra Low Emission Zone.
- Owners of vehicles who do not meet the emission standards are subject to a charge if their vehicles are driven inside the zone

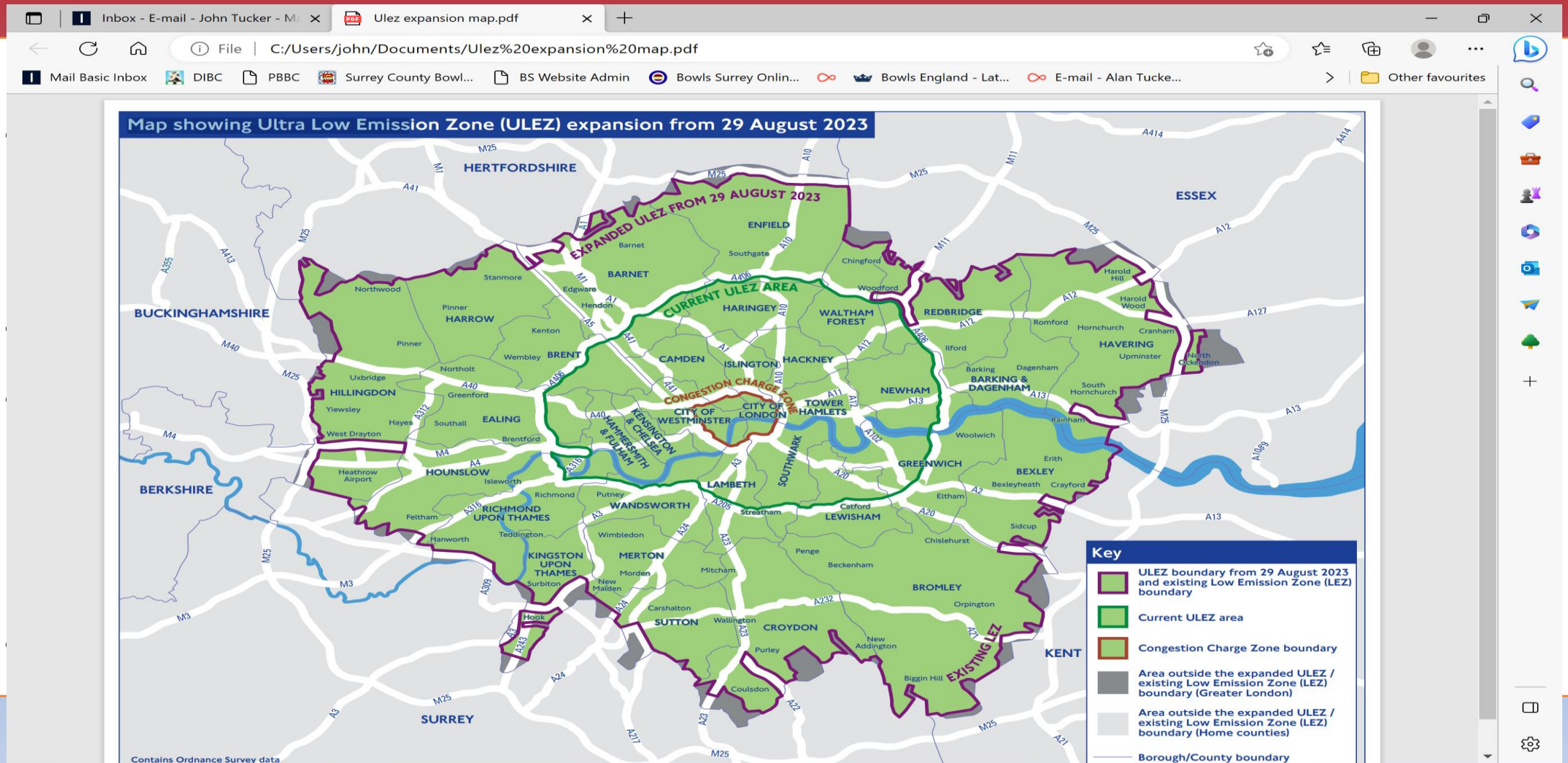


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- From 29 August 2023 it expected the London Boroughs affected are:
- Croydon, Kingston-upon-Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond-upon-Thames, Southwark, Sutton and Wandsworth.
- In total 47 of the 118 clubs in Surrey may be affected.
- The daily charge is currently £12.50



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- **List of clubs we believe to be affected if it all goes through, but please check it out for yourselves.**

Clubs currently affected Temple, Putney Town, Wandilea

Going forward: Ashburton Park, Belmont, Bensham Manor, Carshalton, Chessington, Croydon, Croydon MO's, Croygas, Gonville, Cuddington, Heathfield, Magdalen Park,

Malden Lime Grove, Malden Manor, Merton BC, Merton Park Ladies, Merton Park, Mid Surrey,

Mitcham, New Addington, Norbury, North Sheen, Norwood Grove, Old Coulsdon, Purley,

Purley Bury, Raynes Park, Rosehill, Shirley Park, Southey, South London, South Norwood Lake,

Southwark Park, Southwark Sports, Spring Park Shirley, Streatham Park, Supreme, Surbiton RBL,

Surbiton, Sutton, Sutton Common, Wallington, West Wimbledon, Wimbledon Park



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- **How can I check if my vehicle meets the standard?**
- You can go to [tfl.gov.uk › check-your-vehicle](https://tfl.gov.uk/check-your-vehicle)
- You simply enter your vehicle registration number, and the site will tell you if your car meets the ULEZ emission standards.
- **What if a check shows that my car does not comply with the emissions standards, but I believe that it does in fact comply?**
- You need to obtain from the vehicle manufacturer stating that your vehicle meets the required Euro standard or a Certificate of Conformity. You may wish to contact your car dealer in the first instance.



CONCLUSION

Thank you all for coming, we hope you have found this informative.

If you have any queries, concerns or more suggestions, please contact Sheron on email: administrator@bowlssurrey.com

A copy of this presentation will be sent to all Club secretaries, so that you can show it to your club members if you wish.

John will now provide a brief demonstration of the new website & club match system for those who wish to stay behind.

I now close the forum & wish you a safe journey home.