

Corton Bowls Club

May 2026

Report for the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The annual general meeting held on March 7th this year saw one change to the administrative positions. Gloria Monk was voted in as the new Chairperson and all other positions remained the same. All the members of the committee were thanked for their contributions. It was decided to maintain the annual fee for the club at £30 for the 2026 season. During the season a new toilet door was purchased to replace the old one which was in poor condition and we thank Alan Lack for his advice and help hanging it. The lock on the main gate was also changed and sufficient keys acquired so that all members could have one if they so wished. Carol Howard-Kelly did an excellent job of clearing the weeds from the area surrounding the green.

After doing the normal maintenance of scarifying, verticutting and spiking the ground during the off season, Tony Jackson, our groundsman with the help of Alan Lack took on the task of replacing the wooden edge boards on the south side of the green. This year the weather over the winter months was both very cold and rainy which hampered the process of preparing the ground ready for the opening of the season on April 11th, but given those conditions the ground looks very good.

Overall, we had a very good season with only a couple of days in the whole period when we were unable to play because of rain. We continued to bowl using 2 to 3 rinks on most club days. Towards the end of the season we held the traditional Fun Day where we all participated in various activities including Target, Hoop and Snooker bowls where fun was had by all, culminating in refreshments provided by the club social secretary.

We continue to struggle recruiting new players although we have gained one member this year. Hopefully, we will be able to attract some additional players during the next few months. We were saddened to hear that Alan Lack, who had been so helpful during last season helping with the grounds, passed away in April after a relatively short period of illness.

This 2026 season started with the first Roll-up on Saturday April 11th and we will continue to have our Roll-ups every Tuesday and Saturday, weather permitting from 1:45 - 16:00 every week until September.