

Interested in taking up bowls?

Have you ever wandered past a bowls club, seen the players enjoying a game on a beautiful green in the sunshine, and thought, 'I would like to have a go at that?' Well on **Saturday 18 April Hedge End Bowling Club** will be having their [open day](#), where you are more than welcome to come along, have a go and talk to some of the members to learn more about the club and playing bowls.

If you are still unsure if bowls is for you, or maybe you are worried about the cost involved or that you will simply embarrass yourself, then please read about one of our new members, Brian's experience. Hopefully this will allay any worries you may have and ensure you of a warm and friendly welcome.

Brian, his wife and grandson joined the club in 2025 after using a public green whilst on holiday. Bitten by the bug they signed up for a taster session at Hedge End Bowls Club where they received a warm welcome and under the guidance of some of the members had an enjoyable game of bowls, (the club is able to provide bowls for you to use when at the club, you will just need to make sure you wear some flat soled shoes) Once Brian had decided that bowls was something he would enjoy, he was able to purchase some second-hand bowls, bowls shoes and he was ready to go.

Brian, his wife and grandson regularly attended the Friday night drive throughout the summer months, which they all enjoyed, and they also played in friendly matches against other clubs, which gave the opportunity to play against players of different abilities on different greens. This all helped them to understand the rules and improve their own game.



Brian also received coaching from members of the coaching team which, '**must have been worthwhile as I won the Novice Cup!**'

Brian has involved himself in the running of the club, regularly volunteering to help to run the bar and has even set up a cribbage night at the club, which has been very popular among the members.

'A good club to join, makes you feel at ease whether you are just starting out playing bowls or already have the ability. Friendly people, always a warm welcome awaits you'