



# Development Report

December '18 – November '19



## Grants / Sponsorship / Funding

### Glyndwr Bowling Association - Dreigiau Clwyd Dragons

Prior to the season starting, I worked with the newly formed Dreigiau Clwyd Dragons team who play in Federation in obtaining sponsorship from the Gwynt Y Mor Community Fund.

### Deeside Veterans Bowling League

I have obtained a new sponsor for the League. Grosvenor Street Physiotherapy & Wellness Centre in Mold will be the League's sponsor for 2020.

### Other grants awarded

The following Clubs received financial help without any assistance from me:

- Copperfields – £4,000 from Sport Wales
- Argoed – grants for a new watering system
- Treuddyn – grant for a new viewing room

Further information on Sport Wales grants - <https://bowlswales.com/sport-wales-grants-bowls/>

Oakenholt Bowling Club has received sponsorship/donations from Oakenholt Paper Mill (Essity), Hannah Blythyn AM and Warwick Chemicals which proves there is money out there if you have a proactive Secretary.

Hanson (Heidelberg Cement Group) donated 200 tonnes of stone to Penyffordd Bowling Club to allow an extra 15 parking spaces to be created at the Club.

## Dennis Mowers

Dennis Mowers will be visiting North Wales in April '20 to advise on green maintenance. They will be demonstrating the latest equipment and will provide details of the best grant/funding options available to assist with any purchases.

## Dementia Friends

Each year 240,000 people are diagnosed with dementia. The BCGBA would like Clubs to be more dementia friendly. I have been a Dementia Friend for many years and I am also a Dementia Champion so I can run Dementia Friend awareness sessions for Clubs if required.

## BCUHB – Practitioners forum

In March I was invited to do a presentation at Glyndwr University to the BCUHB (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board) promoting the benefits of bowling.

## BHF

The BHF (British Heart Foundation) attended my presentation to the BCUHB – Practitioners forum in March. I was then contacted by the BHF Manager for North Wales (Cheryl Lockyer), about forming a partnership. After a series of meetings our partnership was agreed in July, as we share a common goal in encouraging the residents of North Wales to live less sedentary lives which will reduce their risk of developing heart and circulatory diseases or risk factors, such as Type 2 diabetes.

<https://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/17749000.welsh-crown-green-bowling-association-strikes-partnership-bhf/>



## Signage

On my travels during this season, supporting our National teams, it became apparent that the signage for clubs in England is much better. If players struggle to find your green for a League match, how do you expect potential players to find your green?



## National Teams

County matches and competitions have been promoted on social media this year to try and attract more spectators, but as in previous season there has been too many clashes with other events.

## BCGBA

In November I attended a BCGBA (British Crown Green Bowling Association) Development meeting at Heaton Park in Manchester. The venue had 4 flat greens which were used in the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The BCGBA are currently converting two of the greens in to crown greens ready for 2020.



## Bowls Wales

Bowls Wales visited North Wales twice this year:

Claire Joll (National Development Manager) attended the Welsh Ladies Merit in May.

Ken Burton (Director) attended the Senior Merit in June.

Bowls Wales did not hold any development meetings in 2019.

## Current Area Development Officers are:

Flintshire – Vacant

Glyndwr – Stuart Lewis (Bryn Newydd)

Gwynedd – Dave Jones (Llanfair PG)

Wrexham – Geoff Pugh (Esclusham)

Simon Walker  
27<sup>th</sup> November '19