

# Mistley and Manningtree Bowls Club

Report for the 2025 Mistley Annual Parishioners Meeting

The Bowls Club is currently undergoing a bit of a renaissance.

Over the last two years we have gained and retained at least 20 new members, boosting its numbers to circa 65.

We have had a sustained period of success over the past two years winning the Sudbury Mixed Triples Main League for the first time in 2023 along with the Colchester Borough 4's League B Division. In 2024 we won the Tendring Hundred Men's Windsor League B Division and The Sudbury Mixed Triples Afternoon League.

The Outdoor bowling season runs from April to September and our membership fees are £110 which includes a free bowls shirt for new members.

We have worked extremely hard to improve our green and it is now as good as any in the Leagues we play in. The Clubhouse has been redecorated over the last 2-3 weeks and is now a bright and vibrant place to spend time in. Also, don't forget the view across to the River Stour from our veranda. Is a lovely space to sit outside with a cold drink from our bar in your hand on a nice summer's day / evening.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be hosting two Try Bowling Days where everyone is welcome to come along and have a go at Lawn Bowls and meet some of our members and excellent Coaches. We will have plenty of posters up in the local area and our famous chalk board outside the Riverside Health Centre.

Mistley and Manningtree Bowls Club will also be playing an active role in The Mysteries of Mistley in 2025 after making our debut in 2024. <https://mysteriesofmistley.co.uk/>

More information about our club can be found on our website <http://www.mistleymanningtree-bowlsclub.org.uk/community/mistley-manningtree-bowls-club-15189/home/>

A little-known fact about our club is that we have a full-size snooker table for the use of our members and have 10-12 people who have joined the club just to play snooker.

Jackie Taylor

President

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