

Sweffling White Horse Bowls Club

The bowling green was built by club members in the late 1980s on a piece of land between Poplar Farm and the Village Hut. Prior to that time the green was located next to the White Horse pub, where the campsite is today. The landowner at the time, Les Holden, donated the land and remained a member and great supporter of the club until his death in 2020. The green was bequeathed to his eldest son, Adrian, in his will.

The bowling season runs from late April throughout the Summer months to early September. We have teams who compete in both the Saxmundham and the Woodbridge and District Leagues and with other local clubs in the Fynn Trophy as well as running internal club competitions. We also compete at the end of each season against Bealings Bowls Club for the Hervey Cup. I would encourage you all to come along, if only to watch, on a bright Summer evening. We regularly play on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the season.

The present club members would like to see the green registered as an Asset of Community Value. We have members from Sweffling, Rendham, Bruisyard, Farnham, Saxmundham and Leiston. We held an Open Weekend in early April and have recruited eight new members and encouraged three others to return to the game. So we now also have members from Framlingham and even as far away as Rushmere St Andrew. We will always welcome more. Lawn Green Bowls is a game accessible to all. As none of the villages that immediately surround Sweffling have the benefit of a facility such as ours we would wish to see it retained as an asset for this wider community.

This year it is our pleasure to be hosting the Semi-final of the County Senior Cup and we have the honour of being President of the Woodbridge and District Bowls League.

John Stanley, Secretary of Sweffling White Horse Bowls Club