

Ibstock Bowling Club News

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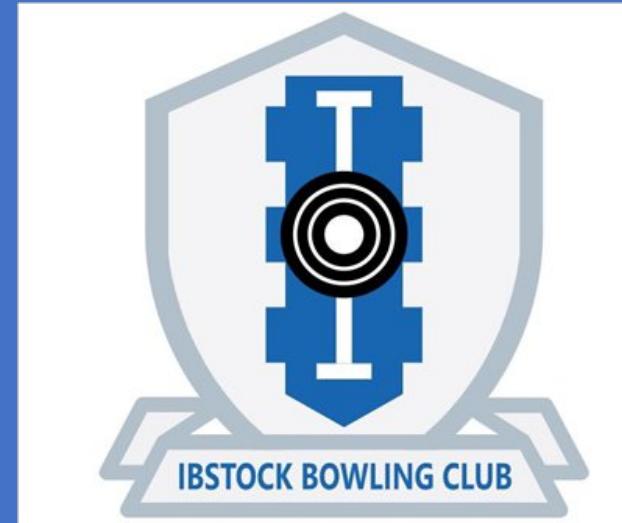
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10:00hrs - 15th March 2026 Pre-season Committee meeting.

10:00hrs - 11th October 2026 AGM





The Presidents Welcome

One moment I am writing to welcome you to the forthcoming season, the next I am congratulating you on our successes over the past season and focussing on the new season!

From a playing perspective, we achieved as well as the previous season, despite the club losing some significant playing experience. So we can all be proud of winning the Hinckley KO Trophy as well as the Coalville Over 60s league.

The green played remarkably well considering the loss of top dressing through copious rain in October/November, further impacted by the restricted access enforced by the Parish council locking up the welfare site and then the prolonged drought throughout the season. Many other clubs suffered far worse than ourselves with their greens not holding up and playing as well as ours.

Of course there was the marvellous Charity Gala day back in May, where the whole club showed the community that it does not just play bowls but aspires to help the community as a whole. Not many bowls clubs will get a mention in the House of Commons – a fact that we should all be justifiably proud!

We should also be proud of the grants awarded and the hard work of club members in completing, the recladding and insulating the rear of the club house, which looks incredibly smart. We have further plans to continue the refurbishment of the club house, funds allowing.

There is of course a lot of unseen work that happens week in, week out by our gallant band of greenkeepers/maintenance volunteers, bar management, team captains, club administration, and the provision of food, drink etc.

We anticipate that the 2026 season may prove to be very challenging in that we have lost some key members, as well as having to operate with smaller numbers of players. We as a club need to attract new players, both experienced and new to the sport to ensure the clubs future.

I would like to pass on my thanks to all those departing members and hope that you will continue to play and enjoy the sport of bowls wherever you find yourselves. Special thanks to Lois and Paul Pugsley, Joe Mellon and last but not least Andy Tonkin for there service to the club.

Finally, enjoy your last few months before the new season begins.

Registration 2026

The coming 2026 season registration for league and county competitions will be undertaken through the on-line 'MATCH" system. The league assumes that all players who played last year, will want to be registered to play for the following season AND for the same club. On this basis the club will be invoiced for registration fees for each of these players.

THEREFORE, the club needs to ensure that any player who is NOT playing for the club in 2026 is removed from that list of players held on line. Further the club needs to ensure that any new players are transferred to Ibstock, from their old club or, if completely new to bowling, need to be registered for the first time.

For this reason, our club secretary (i.e. Neil!) needs to be aware if you do not intend to play in 2026 (by the end of February) otherwise the club will be invoiced incorrectly.

The second aspect of this is that as entries into county competition are also carried out through the MATCH system, then players who wish to enter a county competition will need to be registered for their correct club, for this to happen successfully.

So don't delay in letting me now you don't intend to play in 2026 for Ibstock or even if you are undecided so that I can get the club registrations in order. Thanks!!

AGM 2025

The following members were voted in to the roles as listed below. * Roles marked with '*' are members of the Executive committee.

NOTE some positions were not filled during the AGM but have subsequently had volunteers come forward.

Role/Position	2026 Holder
President	Linda Hawkins re-elected.
Chairperson *	Vacant
Secretary *	Neil Measures
Treasurer *	Di Green
Assistant Treasurer	Janet Measures re-elected.
Additional Authorised Signatories (2 needed)	Tom Chambers, Neil Measures re-elected.
Club Captain *	Danny Binks was elected
Club Vice Captain	Brian Curtis was elected
Fixture Secretary *	Tom Chambers re-elected.
Greenkeeper *	Tom Chambers re-elected.
Marketing Officer *	Merged into secretarial role.
Bar Manager *	John Saunderson
Captain & Delegate Hinckley Triples 'C' team	Gary Green
Captain & Delegate Hinckley Triples 'B' team	Zena Chambers
Captain & Delegate Coalville & District Triples 'A' team	Gary Green
Captain & Delegate Coalville & District Triples 'B' team	Brian Curtis
Captain & Delegate Coalville & District Triples 'C' team	NOT REQUIRED See 6d League entries
Captain & Delegate Coalville & District Over 60s 'A' team	Vacant
Captain & Delegate Coalville & District Over 60s 'B' team	Tom Chambers
Wednesday captain	Danny Binks was elected
Competition Secretary (Mens)	Mick Hawkins re-elected.
Competition Secretary (Ladies)	Joy Wiltshire/Sue Dimmock re-elected.
Bowls Leicester Delegate (Mens)	Tom Chambers re-elected.
Bowls Leicester Delegate (Ladies)	Vacant
Welfare & Safeguarding Officer	Neil Measures re-elected.
Social Committee	Linda Hawkins re-elected /Joy Wiltshire, Sue Dimmock elected
Auditors	Neil Measures, Brian Curtis re-elected.

2025 – Season Review – how did you do?

Hinckley & District Triples League.

The Hinckley & District league is thought to be the toughest league that we enter into, with the majority of teams playing to a high standard.

Ibstock C started the season with the fear of relegation having lost a number of experienced and key players. However, they managed to navigate their way to finish mid table, far enough away from the haunting smell of relegation, without ever sniffing a challenging position.

Ibstock B had an excellent season. Faced with a tough season, having been promoted to Division 2, they secured a mid table position amongst a clutch of four teams covered by six points. This is a solid foundation to build on this year.

Hinckley Finals Day

The weather continued to play ball as on Sunday 24th July Ibstock BC hosted the Hinckley Finals Day on a fine (and later hot!) day. Fears that having to field a team on the day itself would result in a shortage of manpower were unfounded as club members came out in force to help.

Having beaten Blaby in the semi-final with a great comeback which will be remembered for a long time, Ibstock C faced Hinckley C in the final. A great day for the club was topped off with victory for Ibstock by two rinks to one, retaining the trophy.

The Hinckley shield was contested by Sweat Pea and Burbage, with Burbage running out winners.

The club can be proud of not only its playing performance but the warmth of hospitality that the whole club had showed to its 'guests'.

Click on a team name for full details

Final Table for Division 1															Totals	
Pos	Team	Matches				Rinks				Aggregate			Averages			Totals
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	
1	Blaby A	14	8	5	1	42	26	15	1	820	590	+230	67	51	3.8	53
2	Blaby B	14	8	5	1	42	23	16	3	646	691	-45	51	41	3.5	49
3	Countershorpe A	14	11	3	0	42	24	18	0	719	655	+64	52	51	3.4	48
4	Kingscroft A	14	7	6	1	42	22	19	1	710	690	+20	51	51	3.2	45
5	Ibstock C	14	6	8	0	42	20	22	0	715	721	-6	52	50	2.9	40
6	Hinckley B	14	6	8	0	42	19	23	0	759	676	+83	53	55	2.7	38
7	Hollycroft A	14	4	10	0	42	17	25	0	656	821	-165	49	45	2.4	34
8	Hinckley D	14	4	9	1	42	13	26	3	642	823	-181	46	46	2.1	29

Final Table for Division 2															Totals	
Pos	Team	Matches				Rinks				Aggregate			Averages			Totals
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	
1	Bagworth	12	9	3	0	36	25	11	0	689	514	+175	58	57	4.2	50
2	Wycliffe A	12	6	6	0	36	21	14	1	658	523	+135	62	47	3.6	43
3	Mkt Bosworth A	12	6	5	1	36	17	17	2	551	627	-76	49	43	3.0	36
4	Kirby Muxloe A	12	7	5	0	36	17	19	0	602	0	602	48	52	2.8	34
5	Ibstock B	12	5	7	0	36	17	19	0	588	609	-21	49	49	2.8	34
6	Burbage A	12	5	7	0	36	14	20	2	554	628	-74	50	43	2.5	30
7	Hinckley C	12	3	8	1	36	12	23	1	514	653	-139	43	43	2.1	25

Table for Division 2



2025 – Season Review – how did you do?

Coalville and District Triples Leagues.

We entered three teams into the Coalville & District Triples leagues, which posed a challenge to field full sides, as the season evolved.

Ibstock A performed very well in finishing runners up to New Lount A in Division 1. A strong end to the season, when player numbers were more often than not a 'bare nine', pushed New Lount A up to the last game of the season.

Sadly, Ibstock B saw relegation into Division 2, which affords them the opportunity to rebuild for next year.

Ibstock C finished bottom of Division 3, but I am sure that the memory of victory by one shot, in the very last match of the season against Ashby C, will keep them keen over the winter period.

Coalville and District Over 60's Triples Leagues.

The 'Pensioners' league remains the longest season, not finishing until the last week in August.

Ibstock A led the league for most of the season, but were kept 'honest' by Market Bosworth who consistently won 8-0 as they caught up on their games. However, Ibstock A went into the final match needing just 2 points for the title, which was achieved with a comfortably 6-2 win.

Ibstock B finished in a comfortable mid table position, a good platform from which to launch their 2026 campaign and seek promotion to Division 1.

Final Table for Division 1																
Pos	Team	Matches			Rinks			Aggregate			Averages			Totals		
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	Points
1	New Lount A	14	9	3	2	42	28	14	0	839	565	+274	65	55	5.5	77
2	Ibstock A	14	10	2	2	42	25	16	1	697	633	+64	52	47	5.1	71
3	Whitwick	14	9	4	1	42	24	17	1	722	641	+81	57	46	4.8	67
4	Bayworth	14	7	5	2	42	22	20	0	714	648	+66	54	48	4.4	61
5	New Lount B	14	7	6	1	42	21	19	2	688	625	+63	53	45	4.3	60
6	Ashby A	14	4	9	1	42	18	22	2	652	753	-101	47	46	3.3	46
7	Coalville A	14	3	10	1	42	15	25	2	632	777	-145	51	39	2.9	40
8	Ibstock B	14	2	12	0	42	11	31	0	550	852	-302	38	41	1.9	26

Final Table for Division 2																
Pos	Team	Matches			Rinks			Aggregate			Averages			Totals		
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	Points
1	Battram	14	11	2	1	42	33	9	0	793	552	+241	53	60	6.3	88
2	Market Bosworth A	14	10	2	2	42	32	8	2	774	562	+212	56	54	6.1	86
3	Desford	14	8	6	0	42	26	15	1	785	596	+189	63	49	4.9	69
4	Ashby B	14	6	7	1	42	17	22	3	682	701	-19	49	49	3.6	51
5	Wymeswold	14	4	5	4	42	17	23	2	623	701	-78	44	45	3.4	48
6	Scotlands	14	5	8	1	42	16	25	1	643	716	-73	46	46	3.2	45
7	Market Bosworth B	14	3	10	1	42	12	30	0	598	818	-220	46	39	2.3	32
8	Coalville B	14	3	9	2	42	10	31	1	549	801	-252	33	45	2.1	29

Final Table for Division 3																
Pos	Team	Matches			Rinks			Aggregate			Averages			Totals		
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	Points
1	Hinckley	10	8	1	1	30	23	7	0	541	281	+260	61	47	6.4	64
2	Thringstone	10	6	2	2	30	16	12	2	512	499	+23	55	47	4.8	48
3	Market Bosworth C	10	5	4	1	30	17	12	1	546	496	+50	61	48	4.7	47
4	Brush	10	4	4	2	30	13	17	0	458	501	-43	50	42	3.6	36
5	Ashby C	10	2	6	2	30	12	17	1	436	491	-55	53	34	2.9	29
6	Ibstock C	10	1	9	0	30	6	22	2	348	593	-235	40	29	1.6	16

Click on a team name for full details

Final Table for Division 1																
Pos	Team	Matches			Rinks			Aggregate			Averages			Totals		
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	Points
1	Ibstock A	16	14	2	0	48	32	12	4	929	711	+218	56	60	6.0	96
2	Market Bosworth A	16	12	3	1	48	31	15	2	911	756	+155	60	54	5.6	90
3	New Lount	16	10	4	2	48	31	16	1	854	708	+146	55	52	5.2	83
4	Battram	16	9	6	1	48	30	15	3	844	732	+112	53	52	5.1	81
5	Whitwick	16	6	8	2	48	19	27	2	779	863	-84	47	50	3.5	56
6	Coalville A	16	4	10	2	48	20	25	3	807	779	+28	54	47	3.4	55
7	Shepshed	16	5	10	1	48	16	30	2	744	836	-92	44	49	2.8	44
8	Desford A	16	3	13	0	48	12	30	6	681	940	-259	43	42	2.3	36
9	Ashby A	16	4	11	1	48	12	33	3	670	894	-224	41	43	2.2	35

Table for Division 2																
Pos	Team	Matches			Rinks			Aggregate			Averages			Totals		
		Pl	W	L	Dr	Pl	W	L	Dr	For	Opp	Agg	Home	Away	Avg	Points
1	Phoenix	13	11	2	0	39	26	12	1	756	548	+208	61	55	5.8	75
2	Brush	13	7	4	2	39	23	15	1	632	550	+82	50	48	5.0	65
3	Market Bosworth B	14	8	4	2	42	21	19	2	704	650	+54	51	50	4.6	64
4	Ibstock B	14	6	6	2	42	22	18	2	682	682	+60	47	51	4.1	58
5	Greenfields	14	5	7	2	42	18	21	3	661	702	-41	52	43	3.5	49
6	Ashby B	13	3	6	2	39	16	23	0	628	676	-48	45	51	3.5	46
7	Measham	13	3	8	2	39	17	21	1	609	733	-124	49	45	3.3	43
8	Scotlands	14	2	10	2	42	13	27	2	565	756	-191	42	38	2.3	32

2025 – Season Review – how did you do?

Champion of Champions

A great achievement by Mick Hawkins, having beaten a succession of the best players from other clubs in the Coalville league found himself in the Champion of Champions final where unfortunately Mick narrowly lost 16-21, over 26 ends, to finish runner up to Barry Whyatt of Ashby.

It's also worth mentioning that if there was a cup for the best supported player on that day, it would go to Ibstock BC, whose supporters outnumbered all the other supporters added up.



The Wade Cup

Most members will have seen the results of the Wade Cup, which took place back on the 1st August. Sadly we weren't in the running, but can console ourselves that we helped raise valuable funds for the men's benevolent fund.

Congratulations go to Wycliffe who won the trophy.

SUMMARY OF FINAL RESULTS	
Aggregate SHOTS for or against	
WYCLIFFE BC	17
BAGWORTH BC	15
ENDERBY BC	14
HOLLYCROFT BC	7
KINGSCROFT BC	3
HINCKLEY BC	-1
IBSTOCK BC	-7
BLABY BC BLUE TEAM	-10
BLABY BC RED TEAM	-15
BURBAGE BC	-23
NETT TOTAL	0

2025 – Club finals

Club Finals Day or should that be 'Weekend'?

The main event of the Clubs calendar, Competition finals day took place on Sunday 31st August. However, because of the success of several players in reaching 3 finals, it was necessary to spread the matches over the course of the weekend.

After devouring a bacon roll or two, washed down with a cup of tea, battle commenced and after some friendly rivalry the final results -

Ibstock Bowls Club 2025 Club Competition Results		
Competition	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Club Championship	Mick Hawkins	Mick Coleman
Ladies Club Championship	Joy Wiltshire	Sue Dimmock
Men's Handicap	Mick Hawkins	Mick Coleman
Ladies Handicap	Linda Hawkins	Joy Wiltshire
Men's Two Wood	John Rainbow	Pat Phillips
Ladies Two Wood	Sue Dimmock	Linda Hawkins
Pairs	Mick Coleman / Gary Green	Sue Dimmock / Roger Hinsley
Maiden	Gary Green	Roger Hinsley
Roy Smith Trophy	Linda Hawkins / Simon Warren	Mick Hawkins / Carl Strong
John Hunter Trophy	Callum Barnes / Mick Hawkins / Ken Measures	

End of season celebration

This years less formal Presentation evening was combined with the end of season celebration, took place at the 'field of dreams' club house, with the opportunity for a last fun roll up, followed by a barbeque, a few drinks from the bar and presentations. Fortunately there was no fancy dress element this year to un-see (Pat!).

Many thanks for all those who supported the event and the organisers Linda Hawkins, and Neil 'Head Chef' Measures.

Winter hibernation



Most (if not all members) will know that during September our green was 'put to bed' for winter.

The work initially started alongside the final acts of bowling that took place in September, through the closure of one or two rinks, before complete closure and warmth lost from the green.

Seed and top dressing have been applied, thank you to all those who assisted with the process. The continuous hard work of the green (dream team) keepers is very much appreciated.

Fingers crossed for good winter and hope that the welfare site remains open for the duration.