



# Syston Bowling Club

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **SYSTON BOWLERS BENEFIT FROM £30,000 GREEN UPGRADE**

#### *Programme of events to re-build reserves*

During the close Season, a major reconstruction of the perimeter ditches at Syston Bowling Club has been undertaken. Last year, the Club spent close to £10,000 on the replacement of the protective carpeting of the ditches which surround the bowling green. Unfortunately, in the course of this work, as the old carpeting was removed, it became clear that, on two sides of the green, where, over 50 years ago, the “shoulders” of the ditches had originally been constructed using wood, rather than brickwork or concrete, the structure had completely rotted. This not only prevented a permanent job of the carpet replacement but also created a serious Health and Safety hazard to players standing on those particular edges of the green.



Club Chairman, George Dodge (*pictured*), says: “In order to complete our fixture commitment for 2018, we were obliged to initiate temporary measures to minimise risk and, at the same time, to devise a permanent solution to the problem - at an additional cost of £20,000.

Such major expenditure has, of course, placed great strain on our limited resources but, as a result of careful management over the past few years, we did have enough in our reserves to meet the costs involved. We were also

helped by – and are grateful for - grants totalling £4000 from, our landlords, the Syston Town Council.

The work started in January and will be completed in plenty of time for the opening of the 2019 Season on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Our thanks to local building contractor Neil Walker who has successfully carried out the major reconstruction involved.

Over the past few years, we have received regular compliments about the quality of the standard of our clubhouse facilities and playing surface of our green and. Now, with the benefit of these improvements to green surrounds, we can boast to have facilities second to none in the County. As a result, we have been accorded the honour of hosting a County match – Leicestershire v Herefordshire – on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Our attention must now turn to re-building our reserves. As first step, we are organising a Craft Fair to be held in the clubhouse on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments and a full Bar service will be available throughout. We are confidently expecting more than a dozen stalls offering a wide range of attractive products. Everyone is welcome. Senior Club members will also be on hand to offer guidance on taking up the sport of bowling which offers “Fitness, Friendship and Fun” to male and female of all ages. Further details of the Fair for potential exhibitors and visitors can be obtained from Club President, Jenny Dewick. (Telephone: 0116 2608 262)

We are also planning to hold two Open Days, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Further details of these will be announced in due course.”

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