



Syston Bowling Club

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PRESS RELEASE

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SYSTON BOWLING CLUB SECURES LOTTERY FUNDING GRANT OF £40,000 FROM SPORT ENGLAND

Syston Bowling Club has been awarded a National Lottery funded grant of £40,000 under the terms of the Sport England *Inspired Facilities* fund, part of the Olympic and Paralympic legacy programme. The grant, one of 300 awarded to projects nationally in the fourth round of the scheme, will be used to extend the current clubhouse to provide additional and accessible changing room and toilet facilities.

Announcing the award to a packed clubhouse at the monthly coffee morning, Club Chairman, Colin Grimes said:

“We are naturally delighted and excited by the award which provides recognition for our commitment to expanding the impact of our sport among a wider section of the local community. With the benefit of the additional facilities provided by the extension, we are confident of our ability to attract new members – especially ladies and younger players of both sexes. The inclusion of a disabled toilet and disabled access facilities within our plans, will also enable us to maximise the use of the specially adapted wheelchairs we already own. Bowling is a sport where male and female can truly compete on equal terms. The increase in mixed matches, as the sport, both nationally and locally, moves towards full integration, has already demonstrated the serious inadequacy of our current facilities. We have regularly had to reduce the numbers of players involved in matches because of the lack of privacy and space. Our enhanced changing room and toilet facilities will solve those problems. We can face the future - and look forward to growth - with added confidence.

We expect work on the extension to begin immediately after the close of the current season, at the end of September, and are planning an official opening at the start of the new season in April 2014. At that time, we will be organising a series of Open Days and “taster sessions” for local people to try their hand at the sport.

In the light of this exciting development, we now plan to redouble our efforts to persuade the local Town Council to reach an amicable agreement with us on the question of parking within Central Park, for visiting teams – a thorny issue which continues to cause real damage to the reputation of the Town and does nothing to help us, as a Club, to maintain a full fixture list.”

Sport England has announced that the *Inspired Facilities* scheme is to be extended until 2017 with an additional £40 million of National Lottery funding to invest.

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