

Southey Bowling Club

Annual General Meeting of Bowling Members
Monday 12 October 2026

1. Opening of the meeting

Our President, Ian Birnie Chairman, welcomed the 23 Bowling Members present and opened the meeting by asking those in attendance to stand for a one minute silence as a mark of respect to members who had died during the past year.

2. Notice of the meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was read

3. Apologies

Apologies had been received from 7 Bowling Members.

4. Previous minutes and matters arising

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 27th October 2025, having been circulated were agreed as a true record proposed by Simon Brown seconded by David Thomas.
Matters arising: none

5. Correspondence

All correspondence had been duly recorded and reported to the General Committee throughout the year. Recent SESW letters were given to Mick McGrath with Feedback from the Competition Secretary regarding the 2026 competitions. A message from Bowls Surrey regarding the new storage arrangements for the trophies was relayed to the meeting.

6. Reports and club finances

Reports:

- a) The Hon. Secretary's Report 2026 attached Simon Brown offered thanks for the work undertaken by the Treasurer and Secretary.
- b) The Hon. Treasurer's Report 2026 attached. David Thomas thanked Shan Maylin, John Clark and Barry Cunningham for assisting in the numerous cash-counts. A particular thank you to Rob Dodds for producing the accounts which are also attached.

The loss this year for the Club was £13,000; ways of reducing our costs and overheads were discussed. Staff costs were central to the problem. The gross sales required just to cover staff salaries on a weekday is about £250 and on most Mondays and Tuesdays off season that is not achieved (a detailed day by day analysis of financial contribution of the bar had been given to the Committee during the season for its review) . Money is also lost through regular maintenance of buildings and facilities eg air con, gates, white goods etc. It was discussed that the club needed to make a profit to make good any dilapidations to the clubhouse and other facilities. An increase in footfall was needed generally, additions of further regular event to add

to already popular events and an increased number room hire for private events that were always lucrative. It was decided to create an “All Members Social Committee” to organise events. Lee Cappell and Peter Howell were keen to join such a committee.

In conclusion it was recognised that there were two ways forward:

1. increasing revenue with more members’ events 2. reducing costs and overheads

The following suggestions were put forward:

Increasing Revenue and Members

- > extending marketing of club on an updated website
- > open days next season
- > more fun events eg Tossers’ Cup Day **
- > internal darts and pool leagues to increase footfall **
- > quiz nights to run twice per month, but it was thought members would not attend two per month
- > more private rental events
- > further ways to hire out facilities eg car parking
- > introduce food sales but difficult to find catering volunteers
- > extend event invitations to local bowling clubs **

Reduction of Costs

- > closure of club during the off season
- > closure of club on low footfall nights eg Mondays & Tuesdays
- > “honesty bar” with selected volunteers to operate the bar
- > retain upper room regular rentals with volunteers to open doors
- > achieving a minimum level of ticket sales before committing to pay the performer **
- e) Ladies’ Captain Debbie Souter. No report given.
- d) Men’s Captain, Andrew Richardson’s report attached
- e) Chair of House and Bar, Ian Birnie’s report attached
- f) Chair of the Green Sub Committee Peter Goodwin’s report attached.

Recorded actions

Committee to create a new “All Members Social Committee” Those points with ** indicate action for new committee. Simon Brown to continue work on new website

7. Annual subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions: Amanda Thomas reported that the annual subs had increased roughly by inflation, but subject to BE & BS affiliation rates Bowling Member: £175, New Bowler: £75 plus a discounted shirt at £15 Junior Member under 18: £20, plus a discounted shirt at £15 Associate Member £45.

8. Matches

Matches in 2026 Season: fixtures to be finalised next season

9. Election of officers

The following positions were duly elected:

- PRESIDENT: Ian Birnie
- HON TREASURER: no applicants
- HON SECRETARY: no applicants
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Mick Mc Grath
- CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE & BAR: Ian Birnie
- CHAIRMAN OF GREEN: Peter Goodwin
- CAPTAIN (Female): Chris Ryan
- CAPTAIN (Male): Mike Parlour
- SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Simon Brown
- Committee Members: Bill D'Sa & Andrew Richardson.

Non-Committee Officers:

- VICE CAPTAIN: Bob Whitehead
- MATCH SECRETARY: Andrew Richardson
- COMPETITION SECRETARY: no applicants

10. Green Ranger

Green Ranger Post Peter Goodwin.

11. Delegates

The following Appointments of Delegates were agreed:

- Bowls Surrey Area 2 Andrew Richardson
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- Southey Mid Week Fixtures: Bill D'Sa & Chas Manser
- Wimbledon and District: Peter Howell
- New Surrey League: Andrew Richardson
- Kingston and District: Andrew Richardson
- Sutton And District Bowling Association: Neil Dimmock

12. Trustees

Ken Dobinson, Shan Maylin and Rob Dodds were confirmed the three Trustees for Southey Bowling Club

13. Accounts oversight

Appointment of Auditor for the Ensuing Year: Agreed that Rob Dodds and future Treasurer would oversee the accounts and invite others if necessary.

14. Bowls Surrey competition entries

Date of Meeting for Bowls Surrey Competition Entries: Monday 8th February 2027 at 7:30pm

15. All Club Members AGM

Date of AGM of ALL Club Members: Monday 18th January 2027 at 8:00pm

16. Any other business

AOB

Shan Maylin announced that John Tucker is available to present the Bowls Surrey Booking System to the Club . Andrew Richardson said he would do a comparison presentation on Bowls Side.

Jim Collins suggested a card account which would operate by members adding £100 on the card to off-set against bar purchases. This would have a capitol cost of £300 to set up.

David Thomas sought confirmation through the AGM minutes to replace him on the bank mandate with Andrew Richardson which was carried unanimously.

Recorded actions

Shan Maylin to liaise with John Tucker and interested members. Amanda Thomas to obtain a signed copy of the minutes for this purpose.

17. Close of meeting

The Chairman closed the Bowlers AGM at 21:47

About this copy

Reformatted from the minutes circulated by Amanda Thomas on 13 October 2026. The recorded wording has been retained; presentation and headings have been added. The year in item 15 has been corrected to 2027, as confirmed by Simon Brown. The time remains 8:00pm. Reports and accounts referred to as attached were not included with the email received and are not appended here.