

Bowlers Requiring Assistance

Our Club has a number of bowlers with disabilities and most play in our leagues and others come regularly to our Social Bowling Sessions. We have specialist coaches who are trained to assist bowlers with a range of disabilities. The following pieces of equipment are available every day to help keep you bowling.

Our club has Parking Spaces for people with disabilities and there are no steps from the car park to access the club, the lounge, the restaurant and the toilet area and we have a dedicated toilet for wheelchair users or people with other disabilities. All entrance and exit doors have either large buttons at wheelchair height or are automatic.

Equipment held by the club (see photos in this article)

Wide wheeled **wheelchairs** and ramps to allow access to the green without having to lift the chairs.

A set of **shallow steps** to get on to the green from the bank plus a number of metal rails along the bank nearest the lounge.

A **delivery chute** to assist anyone to bowl from the bank from their specialised wheelchair.

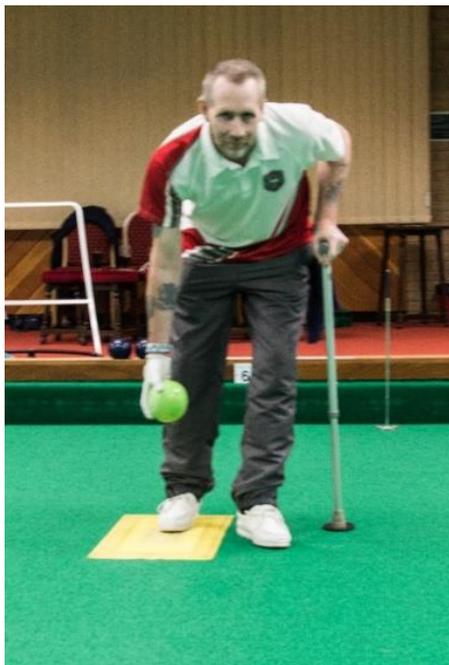
Long arm **bowling launchers** with a thumb release mechanism.

One **UBI launcher**/bowl pusher which doesn't have a thumb release.

Pick-Up sticks so that you don't have to bend down to pick up either the Jack or your Bowls.

Stability walking sticks with large rubber ferrules for use on the green whilst bowling.

Colin (pictured below) uses a stability walking stick with a large ferrule on the bottom to keep him stable and so that it doesn't dig into our carpet, and he requires one of our special wide wheeled wheelchairs to carry him from one end of the rink to the other.



We have pick-up sticks so that you don't have to bend to pick up the bowls or the jack and launching sticks if you have bending difficulties when delivering the bowl. We also have a chute for use from the end of the rink if you are unable to leave your specialist wheelchair.



Pick-up Stick for a bowl and the jack so that you don't have to bend down.



Launching Stick
No need to bend to pick up a bowl



Chute in use for person in specialist wheelchair



Shallow step on to the green



Mencap bowlers enjoying our sport

Some of our bowlers have various sight problems and we run bowling sessions for Mencap bowlers two or three times a year. We have four two-hour sessions every week for New Bowlers, with coaches in attendance at each one, and you can book a coach at a time to suit you if you are unable to attend our weekly sessions.

We also have bowlers who have reached their 90s and still play regularly, so don't think you are too old to take up this sport, there is no age limit, and our Junior Club can cater for youngsters from the age of seven.

Whatever your needs we can accommodate you and would love to see you at our club. We pride ourselves on our friendliness and helpfulness to all ages and abilities.

Assisted Bowlers

There is a reduced annual membership fee for people who require a coach or assistant in attendance whenever they bowl and we have a system for reviewing all special cases.

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