

FEDERATION OF CROWN GREEN BOWLS

Annual Report and Season Review 2026
David Kay – Secretary / Co-ordinator | October 2026

Under our Constitution and Bye Laws, it is usual at the end of each year to produce a report reviewing the season and looking ahead to the following year.

I have not received any Notices of Motion or been made aware of any contentious issues requiring consideration.

I believe it is fair to say that we have enjoyed another very successful season in 2026.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

First of all, may I thank everyone who has taken part in our National League and all our competitions throughout the year.

My thanks must also go to our Management Committee:

Peter Hodgkinson – President

Kev Penny – Chairman

Tony Hodgetts – Vice Chairman

Ken Howarth – Youth and Junior Officer

And our Committee Members: Simon Walker, Mark Richardson, Paul Atherden, Stuart Greenhalgh, Dave Hughes, Andy Duggan and Adam Morgan.

All have confirmed that they are happy to continue in their present roles for 2027, which is excellent news.

Thanks also to all the officials and staff at the venues we have used throughout the year. Their help and co-operation are very much appreciated, and I am pleased to confirm that our venues have already been booked for 2027.

Youth and Juniors

Ken Howarth has once again done an excellent job organising our two-day Youth and Junior Tournament.

Despite one or two minor difficulties, everything went ahead successfully, and I know how much the youngsters enjoyed taking part.

Ken puts a tremendous amount of time and effort into this side of the Federation, and I would personally like to thank him for his continued commitment.

Results and photographs are available on our website.

MB Results, Website and Sponsors

A special thank you to **Mike Beckett** for allowing us to use his MB Results system.

It has become an invaluable part of running our competitions and keeping everyone informed, and we are extremely grateful for his continued support.

I would also like to thank all our Sponsors, whose generosity makes a considerable difference to the Federation and helps us maintain our activities.

And, of course, a very special thank you to **John Leach**, who has looked after and developed our website for so many years.

Although John now lives in France, modern technology means that distance presents very few problems!

He continues to do an excellent job for us and has confirmed that he is happy to carry on throughout 2027.

Membership and Affiliates

It has been particularly encouraging to receive such positive feedback from our newer Affiliates.

We are looking forward to welcoming **Mon Menai B, Potteries and Oldham and District** into our National League for 2027.

Our aim has always been to provide enjoyable, well-organised and competitive Crown Green Bowling, and I believe we continue to achieve that.

Finances for 2027

I am pleased to confirm that our Federation fees and competition prize money will remain unchanged for 2027.

A Statement of Accounts, together with details of prize money awarded during 2026, will be published on our website under *Minutes and Statements*.

Once again, thanks to everyone whose support helps us maintain the Federation's financial position.

Competitions and Events for 2027

Preparations for next season are already well advanced.

Our Events Calendar has been prepared, all our Merit venues have been booked and the relevant entry lists are in place.

Our new Affiliates will also be able to take part in these competitions under the usual arrangements.

Further information and website links will be made available shortly.

Could I also ask Affiliates to let me know of any changes to their contact details so that we can keep our records up to date.

BCGBA and the Future of the Federation

I am sure everyone is aware of the ongoing situation involving BCGBA, and I do not intend to go over those matters again in this report.

However, I do want to reassure our Affiliates about the future of the Federation.

As I have explained in recent correspondence, we have reviewed and updated our Constitution, Bye Laws and safeguarding arrangements so that we are in a position to operate independently should that become necessary.

Any changes would be made through our own constitutional procedures, with appropriate insurance arrangements confirmed.

Our intention is quite simple.

The Federation will continue to provide its National League, competitions, Youth and Junior activities in 2027 and beyond.

We have worked too hard over the years to allow the present uncertainty to undermine what we have achieved.

Our preparations for next season are continuing as normal, and we will keep everyone informed of any developments which may affect us.

Remembering Steve Clamp

I cannot finish this report without mentioning the very sad passing of Steve Clamp.

Steve was a good friend of the Federation over many years and, on a personal level, a very good friend of mine.

His contribution to Crown Green Bowling and his friendship will be sadly missed.

Our President, Peter Hodgkinson, will attend Steve's funeral as the Federation's official representative.

We have also arranged a donation to Steve's chosen charity, which has been kindly acknowledged by his daughter, Aimee.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Steve's family and friends.

Finally

As we look forward to 2027 and our **27th year**, I think we can all take considerable satisfaction from what the Federation has achieved since we started back in 2001.

Many of us have been involved from the beginning, and it is something of which we can all be proud.

We have completed another successful season, our arrangements for next year are well advanced, and despite the uncertainty elsewhere in the sport, I remain confident about our future.

None of this would have been possible without the continued support of our Affiliates, Committee Members, officials, volunteers and Sponsors.

Thank you all once again.

I look forward to seeing everyone enjoying their bowling in 2027.

David Kay

Secretary / Co-ordinator

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