



Established 1929

*Bowls England Club of The Year 2018*



# Members Welcome Pack

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# Introduction

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Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club welcomes **new bowlers & tennis players** of all ages and abilities to the club.

Ilminster support a range of groups including men, ladies, disability bowls, & youth bowls & tennis development throughout the club.

Our facilities include disabled access, disabled toilet and parking plus access to equipment that can be made available to suit individual needs.

The club communicates to you as a member using a variety of methods: Please let us know on your membership as many details as possible to help us communicate to you in the most efficient way.

Website, Email, Newsletter, WhatsApp, Facebook, Verbal

## **What We Expect at Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club:**

As a member / player, you agree to:

1. Have respect for the club and its facilities, as we try to keep a high standard in all areas.
2. Be appropriately dressed for matches with the correct footwear according to the rules set by the club.
3. Set a good example to others and show respect to them whether they are opponents, officials, spectators or team-mates.
4. Do not use inappropriate language or actions. Any such inappropriate actions will be dealt with by the club steward and/or management committee of the club, according to the governing body laws or club rules if a social member.
5. When in the bar area of the club, please moderate your language. The club steward or staff may ask you to moderate it if deemed inappropriate and if this continues you will be asked to leave the premises.



# Club History

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Ilminster Bowling Club has been established for 90 years, and in that time has had many great achievements with County, National and International champions throughout its history.

Ilminster Bowling Club was founded in 1929. The Club was then made up of members of the local community, many of whom were shopkeepers who just wanted to play and enjoy the game of bowls in their home town. The Club President at that time was the late Hector Hutchings. Hector was Somerset and Ilminster President and held the Ilminster Presidency for 52 years. Trophies and Cups named in his honour are still played for today.

Ilminster in 2012 reached the National Championship finals at Worthing for the first time in the Club's history in the men's Bowls England Club National Two Fours, being runners-up after a 3 shot defeat to Gaston Bowling Club. Ilminster has continued to improve as a bowls club, and in recent seasons both England International Louis Ridout, and World Number 3 Rob Paxton have graced its greens.

Ilminster Indoor Bowling Club was founded in 1969. The Club had a single rink in a long room which currently is used as the function room. When the room was required for a function (annual dinner, parties etc.) the carpet was rolled up and the ditches covered over!

Ilminster then had a 2-rink green built in 1979. This green was constantly used up to the new development of the Bowling Club in 2007. Then the club was able to build a purpose built three rinks indoor green.



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This included accommodation for a Steward and re-development of the club lounge and bar area. This was after a long, drawn-out process of negotiations with developers, and was successful due to the diligence of members at the time. It was no surprise when in 2007 the Club won the 'Club Mirror' award for the best club refurbishment, which was nominated by the Club's bar supplier St Austell Brewery.

Ilminster received a great honour in 2017 coming runner up in the Bowls England Club of The Year. Ilminster put together an excellent proposal when showed what the club has done to encourage and develop new and existing members and to develop the club's junior section. Further success has come for the club in 2018 with winning the SASP Somerset Club of The Year 2018 and then the Bowls England Club of The Year Winners 2018.

Ilminster Tennis Club joined forces with the bowling club in 1957. The tennis club has been moving from strength to strength over the years with well over 100 tennis members in 2019. The club was able to move from 2 courts in 2007 with the new club development to 3 floodlight courts which offer an excellent surface. The tennis club run 9 league teams during the summer and 2 in the winter. The club has also a strong foundation of youth tennis players who have progressed into league players and onwards to a county level & the club has dedicated professional coach.



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## **New Bowlers - What happens next?**

It is recommended that you spend at least two or three sessions with a coach to learn the basic skills. Coaches are available to help you throughout the season and we hold coaching sessions on a Tuesday morning in the Summer and Winter. You turn up at the club 15 minutes before the allotted time, put on a pair of bowls shoes, select a set of woods and have a go. The loan of Club bowls is free, there is no need to dash out and buy anything, and experience says that your preferences may change as your game improves – so early purchases may not suit your needs after the first few months.

### **Coaching:**

We have five BDA level 1 coaches and a BDA level 2 coach, and we offer coaching throughout the season on a Tuesday morning during the winter and summer season. We have a strong junior section within the club and are keen to encourage young people to come try and play the game of bowls. We run a junior session every Tuesday afternoon from 4.15 pm till 5.45 pm.

For the opportunity to try bowling before deciding whether to join Ilminster Bowling Club we recommend you attend our free open days in or alternatively book a trial session at a time which suits you. Our coaches attend the open days and can also be present upon request for any individually booked trial sessions.

## **Umbrella (Indoor & Outdoor)**

Umbrella sessions are where members turn up at least 15 minutes prior to the start of an umbrella session which runs on a Wednesday afternoon starting at 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm and after paying their rink fee are allocated a team to play in depending on numbers, this can be pairs, triples, or fours.



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## **Rink Bookings**

Rink availability can be checked on the club website, as a member you will need to register for this so you can gain access to the system. There is also a tablet by the indoor rinks which you can do this on if you don't have access at home. If you get stuck there is also a handy guide to booking or ask another member

## **Roll Ups – Indoor Only**

A roll up is where a member practices either alone or with colleagues. Bookings and payment must be made at the rink books and money to be deposited into the Green Fees box. Members ideally, book a roll up in advance but have the option of just turning up hoping that a rink is free but there is no guarantee that's why booking is recommended.

## **Travel:**

Members representing the club at away matches are entitled to claim travel expenses if you are assigned to drive for the game the captain or team manager for the day will give you a petrol slip to be reclaimed over the bar. This can be added to your club membership card.

## **Indoor Bowls League**

Many members enter the Autumn/Winter leagues, which are all played at set times each week. The Club Indoor Match Secretary is responsible for sorting and issuing the fixtures out to the team captains. If you wish to play in one of these leagues there is a notice, on the indoor bowls board where you can add you name and phone number to show interest in playing in competitions.

Leagues are played over a 1 hour 55 minutes time.



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## **Outdoor Bowls League**

Ilminster have a very active summer season with well over 100 games throughout the period. Ilminster enter 4 teams in the men's Somerset County League, 2 teams in the Wessex mixed triples league and 1 team in the mixed East of Exeter League. Leading up to the beginning of the season the club will post on notice boards availability sheets for matches in the Wessex Mixed Triples, Ladies South West League & friendlies and give each member a fixture book.

There are many friendly matches which can also be mixed, men's or ladies as well as the national competitions.

## **National Competitions (Indoor Only)**

Players from Ilminster compete in the EIBA national competitions this can affect internal League games as with any rules national competitions take preference over club league games. It is asked that anyone requiring a rink national competition contacts both captains of teams they are taking the rink from.

If possible, take rinks of teams that you play in, to try and minimise the disruption to fixtures.

## **Roll Ups – Outdoors Only**

If you wish to have a roll up outdoors, there is no charge. Rink availability can be checked on the club website, as a member you will need to register for this so you can gain access to the system.

## **SBA Code of Conduct**

Ilminster Bowling Club expects all players who represent Ilminster to adhere to and respect the Somerset Code of Conduct.





# Ilminster Club Management Committee & Section Committee

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## **Ilminster Management Officials 2022/23**

Club President - Rachel Charles

Club Chairman - Kevin Hamilton

Club Treasurer - Chris Robinson

Assistant Treasurer – Sue Spurway

Club Secretary - Val Dargue

Membership Secretary - Norma Pugh

Tennis Section-Gill Dunn, Danny Whaites

Ladies Section- Norma Pugh, Maureen Mitchell

Men's Section -Peter Mattravers, Dave Crouch, Colin Spurway

Social Section -Roger Kerrison

Club Steward- Carl & Charlotte Martin

Bar Manager – Carl Smith

Welfare Officer Tennis -Mrs Liz Lane

Welfare Officer Bowls – Sue Spurway

Health & Safety Officer - Russell Sweet (Sub Contractor)

Buildings and Maintenance - Kevin Hamilton

Webmaster / Social Media - Matt Hamilton



# Ilminster Club Management Committee & Section Committee

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## **Ilminster Unified Outdoor Section**

Chair - Mat Hamilton

Secretary - Kevin Hamilton

Men's Club Captain -David Crouch

Ladies Club Captain -Sam Wall

Men's Team Manager -Terry Heath / Chris Robinson / Dave Hall

Competition Secretary - Stephen Peasland

Press Officer - Maureen Mitchell

Green Keepers -Peter Patmore / Bob Dickie

Additional Members: Ian Lightfoot, Colin Spurway, Bob Dickie, Joe Morris,

Sarah Lightfoot, Barbara Ball, Dave Hall, Denise Fisher

Ladies Match Secretary –Norma Pugh

Ladies Team selection – Sarah Lightfoot, Monica Woodland, Heather Grinter

Fixtures Secretary – Angie Thompson

## **Ilminster Unified Indoor Section**

Chair -Maureen Mitchell

Secretary - Kevin Hamilton

Team Manager (Wessex League, Denny Cup, Egham Trophy, Two Fours) - Ian Lightfoot

Team Manager (County League) – Matt Hamilton

Competition Secretary – Steve Peasland

Fixture League Secretary – Jason Miles

Press Officer - Maureen Mitchell

Ladies Captain – Maureen Mitchell

Ladies Selectors – Heather Grinter, Monica Woodland



# Disability Bowls Statement

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Ilminster Bowling Club operates a policy of open and inclusive for all, encouraging people of all abilities to bowl at the club. If you are impaired in any way, please contact the club and we will do everything we can to assist you to be able to play bowls.

We can offer excellent facilities to help, encourage and support all bowlers with a disability. The club has a wide range of equipment which can help and assist you to play the game of bowls.

## **Some key information:**

**Parking** - The club has two well marked disabled parking spaces which are close to the main entrance. The car parking spaces have been allocated close to the main entrance for drivers with blue badges.

**Nearest public transport links** - The local bus service runs between the local towns as well as the main city Taunton. The bus is number 30 or 30 A, this would drop off on Canal Way near to the Tesco garage which is around 10 mins from the club.

**Flat access or ramps available** - The club has ramps to access the outdoor green. Indoor green access is flat access and there is also a wheelchair lift to reach the bar and function room area.

**Handrails and disabled toilet** - The club has a disabled toilet situated near the main entrance. Baby changing facilities also available.

Designated sessions or umbrella/coaching sessions available - The club has qualified coaches who have attained the level 1 & level 2 BDA mark as well as coaches who have disability bowls coaching.



# Safeguarding Policy

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Ilminster Bowling and Tennis Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. The club is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice which reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and LTA and Bowls NGB requirements.

The club's safeguarding policy recognizes that the welfare and interests of children and vulnerable adults at risk are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children:

I have a positive and enjoyable experience of tennis and bowls at Ilminster Bowling and Tennis Club in a safe and inclusive environment and are protected from abuse whilst participating in tennis and bowls.

The club has three different policies covering all aspects:

- Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club Safeguarding Policy
- Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club - Child Welfare Officer Contact Details, Code of Conduct & Safeguarding
- Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club - Diversity & Inclusion Policy

If you would like to see and review these policies, please see the club notice board in the main lobby.

Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club reserve the right to change, update, modify or add new safeguarding policies to the club documents without notifying members.

**Welfare Officer Sue Spurway**



# Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club Constitution

CASC Registered Club N00793

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1. The Club shall be called The Ilminster Bowling and Tennis Club.
2. The prime objects of the Club are to provide facilities for and promote participation in the amateur sports of Bowls and Tennis.
3. Members with full voting rights shall be defined as follows:
  - a. Bowlers & Tennis players.
  - b. Indoor Bowlers.
  - c. Table Tennis Players.
  - d. Snooker Players
  - e. Non-playing Members.

The following Members will not have the right to hold office nor exercise the power of voting:

- f. Junior Members under the age of 18.
  - g. Associate Members who must be members of another recognised Club.
1. Persons of either sex regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs may be eligible for full membership provided they are over 18 years of age. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscriptions on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. The Management Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
  2. Persons may not be admitted to all the privileges of membership without an interval of at least two days between their becoming members and their admission to comply with the Licensing Act.
  3. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties
  4. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of May in each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee for the following purposes: -



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- a. To receive from the Management Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March to which date the accounts shall have been balanced.
- b. To elect for the ensuing year
  - i. The President,
  - ii. Secretary,
  - iii. Treasurer
  - iv. Management Committee
  - v. Bar Committee
  - vi. Child Protection Officer / Welfare Officer
- c. To decide on any resolution which has been duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided
  1. At least twenty-eight days before the Annual General Meeting or any special general meeting, a printed or written notice of such a meeting shall be clearly exhibited on the notice board. The agenda of the business to be transacted shall be publicised at least fourteen days before that meeting. At a special general meeting, no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward.
  2. Any member desirous of moving any resolution at an annual general meeting shall submit it in writing to the Secretary not later than 15<sup>th</sup> April in that year.
  3. In these rules, any reference to a male person shall apply equally as if a female
  4. At all general meetings of the Club, the President or, in his absence, the current Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee shall take the chair. Every member present entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion.
  5. The Club shall be managed by the Management Committee of eleven and a Secretary and Treasurer. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Committee.
  6. In the event of a vacancy on the Management Committee, the Committee shall have power to co-opt any member of the Club to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term of office of the member who has ceased to be a member of the Committee. The proceedings of the Committee shall not be invalidated in consequence of there being less than the prescribed number.



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7. The Management Committee may from time to time co-opt any specialist member in an advisory capacity.
8. The Management Committee shall meet at least four times during the year to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club. Any two of the President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer are to sign cheques, standing orders, direct debit or similar mandates that commit the Club to expend monies from bank accounts.
9. The maximum overdraft facility is to be limited to £20,000 at any one time for the purpose of the Club's activities on the terms determined by the Bankers. If at any time the Club in general meeting shall, subject to Rule 7, pass a resolution authorising the Management Committee to borrow additional monies, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolutions.
10. Notices of Committee meetings shall be advertised on the notice board. A quorum shall consist of five members. Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee and shall be open to the inspection of any members of the Club applying to the Secretary therefore.
11. The Management Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a special general meeting and they shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of any ten members, or one fifth of the total members whichever is the less, stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.
12. The Management Committee may delegate any or all their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of their activity and powers, the extent to which they can commit the funds of the Club, the membership and the duty to report back as appropriate.
13. The Management Committee shall have the power to prohibit any games which in their opinion are unlawful games or the playing of which would be injurious to the interests of the Club.



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14. Subscriptions to the Club shall be as laid down by the Management Committee which shall be at levels which will not prevent people joining.
15. If at any time the Management Committee shall be of the opinion that the interest of the Club so requires, they may by letter invite any member to resign from the club. The procedure to be adopted shall comply with the standard rules of the Governing Body of the relevant sport. In all other cases, the member shall receive a verbal warning, and should he not comply, a written warning followed by a final warning shall be given. If the Management Committee considers the matter to be gross misconduct, he shall be summarily expelled. Appeal against removal may be made to the members.
16. No Member shall, except for services rendered at the request of the Management Committee, receive any profit or emoluments from the funds of the Club. Whenever a member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting, they must declare it and withdraw from that part of the meeting unless asked to stay but they must withdraw during any vote.
17. The Club shall be responsible for further development of the properties which are now, or which shall at any future time be in their possession. It shall be responsible for raising funds for such developments.
18. The Club premises will be open for the use of members and provision of alcoholic drinks in accordance with the Club's Premises Licence. No person under the age of 18 will be allowed to consume alcohol illegally.
19. Any member shall have the privilege of introducing guests whose names and the introducer thereof shall be entered in a book provided for that purpose. Guests may be introduced by a Member up to a maximum of 3 times in a year after which time they must apply for membership before being further admitted. The Club's Designated Premises Supervisor or their appointed representative may refuse entry to any non-member.
20. The Management Committee shall approve functions to be held at the Club's registered premises to which there may be admitted persons other than members or their guests and to whom beverages may be sold. This does not overrule the Club's Designated Premises Supervisor or their appointed representative's authority to withhold the provision of alcohol to any member or sale to a non-member should he so determine.





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21. The Club shall elect annually a committee comprising of four members to manage the purchase and supply of intoxicating liquor. No drinks or food are allowed to be brought on to the premises unless authorised by this committee.
22. There shall be not less than two nor more than four trustees, who shall be appointed as necessary by the members at the Annual General Meeting, from among the ordinary members of the Club. Such a duly appointed trustee shall hold office at the pleasure of the Club, or until he or she resigns by notice in writing to the Committee, or until a resolution to remove him/her shall be passed at the Annual General Meeting of members by a majority comprising two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. The Club Secretary, Treasurer or Chairman shall not hold office as a trustee. All property of the Club shall be vested in the trustees as from time to time appointed, and the trustees shall act in all respects as regards such property, land or investments in strict accordance with the directions of the Committee and not in their own right, save possibly at a time of dissolution or insolvency. They shall have the power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in accordance with the Committee's directions. The liability of each trustee shall be limited to the extent of such funds of the Club as may be actually received by him. The trustees shall be indemnified out of the Club funds for any claim or expense which occurs.
23. The Ilminster Bowling and Tennis Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games of bowls and tennis. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the joint Child Protection Policy and Procedures of the National Governing Bodies.
24. If at any general meeting, and subject to Rule 7, a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the members present, and such resolution shall at a special general meeting, held not less than one month thereafter at which not less than one-sixth of the members shall be present be confirmed by a resolution passed by two-thirds of the members present, the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Club and after discharge of all liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary organisation having objects similar to those of the Club. The voluntary organisation shall be a registered CASC, or a registered Charity. Alternatively, the assets can be transferred to the Sports' National Governing Bodies.



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25. Subject to Rule 7 and to the approval of the appropriate Authorities, these rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any annual or special general meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it has been carried by at least two-thirds of the members voting thereon.



# Health & Safety

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**Fire Alarm:** Should the fire alarm sound within any part of the building, please make your way to the nearest emergency exit. The fire evacuation assembly point is in the car park which is marked with a sign.

**Fire Alarm Test:** The club regularly tests the fire alarm, there is no set day or time for this. The club steward / staff will inform everyone in the building of a test before carrying this out.

**Emergency Exits.** Please take a moment to look around the hall and bar areas and note where the emergency exits are. We do have emergency lighting should it be necessary, and these exits will be lit so they are easy to find. **Please keep these exits clear at all times.** If there is a power failure, there are 39 emergency lights which will light up and guide you to an exit.

**Food & Drink:** All food and drink consumed on the premises must be purchased from the club. Please speak to the club steward if you would like any more information or notice anyone bringing in food or drink from outside the club premises.

**Smoking Areas:** There is no smoking or use of electronic cigarettes within the premises. There are three designated smoking areas.

- Car Park – Outside of the perimeter of the bowling green
- Tesco Steps Entrance – Bench & Umbrella covered area
- Back Entrance Indoor Green – This area is out of the back-fire exit running adjacent to the indoor green.



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**Front Door / Main Entrance:** The main entrance to the club is a security door which should be locked when club facilities are closed, however when matches or functions are on you may find the door open. To access the building hold your membership card against the control panel and the door will release. This is important as we can track and see who is entering the club for security purposes. If the door is unlocked there is an override switch on the wall which will re-engage the lock.

**CCTV:** The club is covered with CCTV cameras throughout the club this is for security purposes on all entrance and exits, bar, snooker room and car park. This records 24 hours a day and is to protect the club and staff

**Food Standard Rating:** Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club hold a 4-star rating for food hygiene and safety. We are reviewed every annually by the Somerset food standards agency.



**Hand Sanitiser Stations:** There are multiple hand sanitiser stations around the facility and are refilled and checked regularly.

**Covid Secure (Risk Assessment) :** – This document can be found on the members download section on the website and is regularly updated



# Club Facilities

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Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club has a wide range of facilities available to its members.

## **Tennis**

Ilminster Tennis Club provides outstanding facilities including 3 floodlit tennis courts. Members play in the summer and winter months, with competitive tennis for Men's Ladies and Mixed teams in the Yeovil and District League. The club runs social tennis 5 mornings a week Monday through to Friday from 10am to 12 noon. Junior coaching and private lessons are available from our accredited LTA coach.

## **Snooker**

Snooker has two full size snooker tables which are of the highest standard and run two teams in the Yeovil and District leagues. Members who are part of the snooker club play in both competitive games as well as social snooker during the week. The tables both have under slate heating to keep the tables at a constant speed.

## **Social**

The members' clubhouse lounge and bar facility are a great place to relax and enjoy a drink from our well stocked bar. Our club steward Drew Smith offers freshly cooked meals using local produce from Monday to Sunday and caters for functions & events such as weddings, parties and wakes. Sunday lunch and specials / theme nights are a hit with all members.

## **Table Tennis**

The club has two table tennis tables and runs a league during the winter, where the clubs team plays in the Yeovil & District league. The tables are available to book by a member to play on. The book is in the entrance hall.



# Social Events

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## **How do I find out about Club activities?**

There is a regular Club Newsletter which is emailed out to all members monthly, this has all the information of upcoming social events on. The Club does have a website – [www.ilminsterbowlingclub.com](http://www.ilminsterbowlingclub.com) – which has drop-down menus listing many of the Club activities. You can also find the Club on Facebook which has all the events we are holding in the coming months. (or ring the Club on 01460 52268) When you are in the Clubhouse, you will see adverts for coming events on billboards near the entrance and on doors in the bar area.

## **Sunday Quiz Night**

Ilminster hold a very popular quiz night on Sunday evenings starting at 7.45pm. The quiz lasts around 2 hours. The winning team on the night gets a cash prize. There is a weekly snowball which provides a variety of prizes. The last Sunday of each month is a charity fund raising quiz.

## **A la Carte Nights & Lunchtime Specials & Sunday Roast**

Ilminster offers all members the chance to eat in the club's restaurant. The clubs offer lunchtime specials on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 11 - 2 pm.

The club offers a full bar snack menu every day. This is available either by walking into the club or pre-booking through the steward.

Evening meals are also available this can be from the specials board or A la carte menu. This is available from 6 - 9pm. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Sunday lunches are very popular, this is available for pre booking only.  
The club is also for hire by members. This can be hired for private parties, weddings, birthdays and corporate meeting and training days.



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## **Theme Nights**

Ilminster hold theme nights once a month with special food nights which are a great success. The nights we have held so far are:

Mexican Night

Steak Night

Pie & Pint Night -- Weekly Event

Summer BBQ Night

Race Nights

Curry Night – Weekly Event





# Club Membership

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## **Membership:**

The club's overall membership is over 700. With over 300 bowlers it reflects the full range of bowling expertise from those with a wealth of bowling experience to novices who are new to the game.

### **For Existing Membership Renewal**

Full Membership Bowls/ Member £145

Full Membership Tennis Member £145

Joint Membership Bowls / Tennis £270

Full member plus indoor bowling partner £190

Joint Indoor Bowls £110

Pickleball Only £70

Indoor Bowling Only £60

Table Tennis Only £45

Snooker Only £55

Card Players £35

Joint Social and Card Players £60

Social Non-Playing Member £35

Social Non-Playing Couple £60

Darts Only - £45

Social Membership for husband / wife / partner of a full member £10

### **Junior Membership:**

Aged 16 - 18 or in full time education £15.00

Aged 11 - 15 £10.00

Aged 10 and under £5.00



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## Match Fees:

Adult Match Fees £4.20

Junior Match Fees £1.20

Match Fee for Member in Full Time Education £1.20

National Competition (Indoor Only) £4.50

\*Match Fees subject to change on annual basis

Indoor: Fees are set for each league at the beginning of the season and vary accordingly. No individual rink fee currently exceeds £3.70 for a 2-hour game.

## Non-Members / Visitors:

Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club welcome non-members / visitors to the club to use our facilities. Ideally you are to be signed in by a member for a maximum of 3 times within 12 months. If you visit more than 6 times within 12 months, we advise you to become a member. Please talk to the club staff if you need more information.

## Complaints Procedure

If you have any concerns or complaint regarding an aspect of the club. Please refer to the simple guide below:

1. Club Staff or Club Steward
2. Club Committee – Relevant Section Committee (Bowls, Tennis, Snooker or Social)
3. Management Committee

## **Lockers**

Ilminster has several lockers to store your bowling equipment in our locker room. If you wish to obtain one of these please speak to the club staff. The locker fee cost is £5 per year. This is payable over the bar.

## **Newly Laid Outdoor Green**

The club in the last 12 months have re-laid the outdoor green to some considerable expense to the club members. We are there advising all members to look after the surface and reduce the bouncing of bowls or dropping the bowls on the green.



## Club Membership Cards

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**Each club member once they have joined the club is issued with a membership card.**



This card allows you to enter the main club entrance by holding it against the keypad. This card also needs to be presented each time you purchase food or drink from behind the bar to gain a member's discount.

On presentation of this card to the bar staff, you then have membership discount applied which reduces the cost of your purchases. If you wish you can also preload your membership card with money so you can use this to purchase items.

The club accepts debit & credit card payments and can also use contactless up to a value of £30 per transaction.

If you **do not** present your membership card at time of purchase, you will be charged the full amount and no discount will be applied.

If you also decide not to renew your membership or you leave the club, your card will be disconnected so no access can be made to the club buildings. And any money pre-loaded on the card is **non-refundable**.



# Club Opening Hours & Club Food

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## Bar:

Monday & Tuesday - 10 am – 3pm & 6pm- 11 pm

Wednesday – 9.30 am – 3 pm & 6pm – 11 pm

Thursday - 9.30 am – 3 pm & 6pm – 11 pm

Friday – 9.30 am - Till Close

Saturday – 9.30 am - Till Close

Sunday – 9.30 am - Till Close

## Kitchen:

### **Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday – Summer Months**

Breakfast – 7.30 am – 10.30 am (Bookings Only)

Lunch – 11am – 2pm

Dinner – 6.pm – 9 pm **(No Food Monday & Tuesday Evening During Winter Months Oct – April)**

### **Sunday**

Breakfast – 7.30am – 10.30 am (Bookings Only)

Lunch – 11am – 2pm (Bookings Only)

Dinner – Closed



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## **Allergy & Dietary Requirements:**

Ilminster Bowling & Tennis Club follow the allergen information rules set in EU Food Information for Consumers Regulation. If you have a food allergy or dietary requirement, please speak to a member of staff and they will check and go through allergies information with you.

## **BT Sport - Champions League, Europa League, FA Cup, Premiership Rugby**

Ilminster can offer all your sporting needs with BT Sport available to watch all the football and rugby you could ever want. BT Sport is here to bring you a whole heap of top sport on TV. Premier League and European football, Premiership rugby and Women's WTA Tennis.

## **Wi-Fi Access Now Available**

Ilminster Bowling Club has Wi-Fi access at the club. This allows members to use their laptops, tablets and smart phones in the club. Members to have high-speed access to the internet to send and receive emails, surf the internet and download music and videos. **Wi-Fi Code – RinkCourt**

## **Music:**

Ilminster hold a music licence which allows the club to play and hold music events in the club. The music is streamed through our TV system and allows us to play music in all areas.



# Club Dress Code & Bowling Dress Code

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## **Club Dress Code**

There is no club official dress code for entering the club, we only ask that there are no vest tops to be worn.

## **Bowling Dress Code**

### **Indoor Bowls –**

Roll Ups – There is no dress code you can wear anything inc shorts all that is required are flat shoes or bowls shoes.

Internal League / Club Competitions – Club shirt or white shirt, trousers or shorts and flat bowls shoes.

Club Competitive Matches – All matches that are representative of the club must be played in full club kit. This is available to purchase from the membership secretary Norma Pugh.

Travelling to club competitive matches – All players must travel in the club blue travel tops. These are available to purchase from the membership secretary Norma Pugh.

### **Outdoor Bowls –**

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### Kit Costs

First Shirt & Trousers (New Member) £20

Second Shirt £27

Shorts £ 25

Trousers £37

Hoodie £35

Softshell Jacket £45

Lined Jacket £ 38

Hats £7

Other Kit is available on request and prices are variable.

\*Prices subject to change

- Travelling to club competitive matches – All players must travel in the club blue travel tops. These are available to purchase from the membership secretary Norma Pugh. The cost of these is £15



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