

CROQUET FLOURISHING IN TISBURY

It is now two years since croquet started at what was then Tisbury Bowls Club. Since then this not-for-profit club has developed apace with a growing and active membership, lawn improvement and upgrading of the facilities. We have repaired and refurbished almost all the available equipment and facilities with one exception; the changing rooms. The deteriorating timber cabin alongside the clubhouse was in urgent need of replacement and now a new building with plumbed in facilities will be assembled in June 2024 and ready for use soon thereafter. This has only been made possible by a year of highly focussed fund-raising activity in which an amazing £25,000 has been raised with the majority coming from Sport England, Wiltshire County Council and Croquet England with generous financial support from the Tisbury Co-Op and the Tisbury-based Alice Combes Trust.

The club's goal for this summer is to expand the active membership and to encourage more younger people to come and play croquet. We are a very friendly club where everyone pitches in to do what is needed including coaching and sharing their talents and experience in the three weekly mix-in sessions. We run a handicapping system that enables players of all standards to compete on an equal footing so there's no need to be concerned that you may not be good enough!

Annual adult membership currently costs £120, (the same as just two rounds of golf at Rushmore Golf Club!). For families with children aged 16-24, an introductory annual membership for each qualifying child is available this year at a cost of just £30. Membership includes free use of the club's croquet equipment and use of the facilities at any time.

There's no better time to start than right now so do come along - you can have a free initial experience if you would like one - all you need to do to really enjoy the summer, make new friends and master an amusing, tactical and challenging game is to email info@tisburybowlsandcroquet.com or go to www.tisburybowlsandcroquet.com where you can find out all about us.