

Market Overton Bowls Club

Sport England Small Grants Program – National Lottery Funding

The Club

Founded in 1945, Market Overton Bowls Club is an integral part of the Market Overton community providing a sports venue and social venue for the village to enjoy. The club holds many bowls events throughout the year including club competitions, inter-club competitions, fun events and gala days. Additionally social events including bingo, coffee mornings, quiz nights and local live entertainment. Throughout the winter months a schedule of social evenings and indoor bowls sessions are held to ensure the club continues to be used and that an income stream is ongoing.

The land was gifted to the club in a Trust and the trustees oversee the management of the club.

Every year the committee considers the maintenance and replacement of assets to ensure that the members are able to enjoy the facilities. The committee take advantage of 'offers' and second hand purchases from other clubs and organisations wherever possible to ensure that all projects are as cost effective as possible.

The Project Outline

The project was designed to replace the men's changing room and equipment store which was a 60 year old wooden shed with an Evil Assassin log cabin structure for changing plus a gazebo at one end to provide a dry spectator area and additional small sheds for equipment storage. The new facilities will benefit current club members, visiting bowling clubs, many of whom are elderly and support young adults with learning disabilities from a local assisted living residence who attend weekly bowling sessions.

The project required a huge commitment of voluntary help from club members to dismantle the existing sheds, prepare the site for the new cabin and then build the new structure and complete both the interior and exterior finishes. This voluntary help minimised the cost of labour and ensured that the club was able to complete the project without depleting necessary funds required for green maintenance.

The Award

The club were delighted to receive a Lottery award of £7,542.00 towards the project.

Reactions

Club members have been delighted with the new facilities and several visiting bowls clubs have not only mentioned how smart the new cabin looks, but that they would like to see similar facilities at their own clubs. The provision of the new changing facilities at the Market Overton Bowls Club was also reported in the local media after receiving the Lottery grant. The new facilities have enabled district bowls finals to be played at the club due the upgraded changing facilities.



The Accounts

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	Credit	Debit
Grant Received	7,542.00	
Storage Sheds		945.00
Cabin		4,595.97
Gazebo		1,531.98
Exterior Paint		327.92
Painting Sundries		133.26
Carpeting		158.00
Deck Risers		212.77
Sundry Materials		43.67
Signage		38.40
Totals	7,542.00	7,948.57
Balance		406.57

The club paid £406.57 for items not covered by the grant but integral to the project.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

The club would like to thank Sport England and the National Lottery for the award which has enabled the club to replace ageing infrastructure in order to continue and flourish for the good and benefit of club bowlers and the local community.

The club would also like to acknowledge the hours of voluntary help received from members who helped with the dismantling and disposing of the old shed and the subsequent groundworks, building and finishing of the new cabin and sheds.

Grateful thanks is also given to club members who donated items for the sheds which finished the overall look.