



IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE INFORMATION

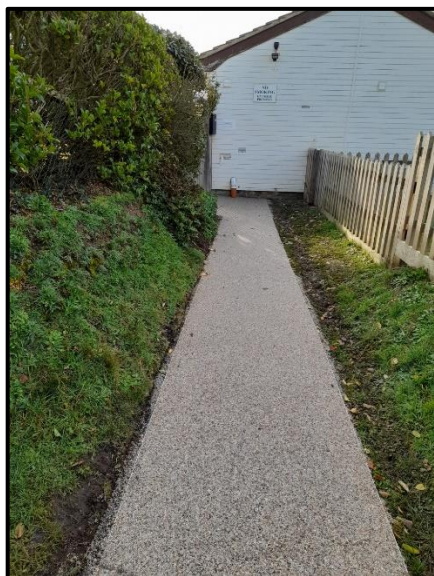
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For those members who have not been able to visit the Club during the past few months we thought you might like to see the amount of work that has been going on to improve the green and the surrounding areas. Whilst incurring planned maintenance expenditure we have managed to save £1000's thanks to the ingenuity and sheer hard work of our Green Ranger and the Green Team for which we are incredibly grateful.

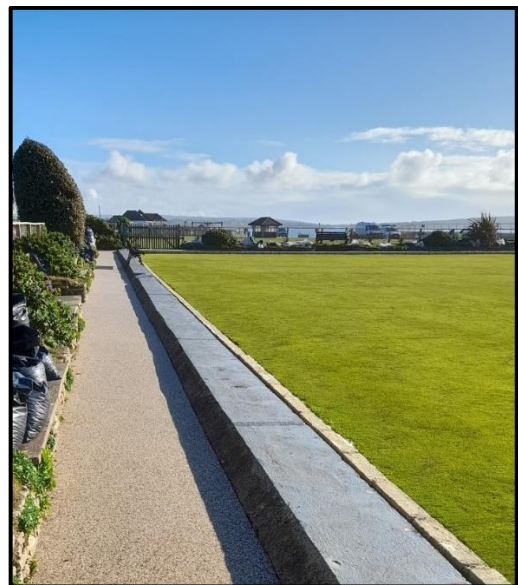
There are 4 key areas of development:

1. The paving entering the Club and surrounding the Green.
2. The sheds.
3. The edging of the Green itself.
4. The ditches

1. **The Paving:** A resin surface has been laid over all our paths with excellent results. Gone are the potholes on the entrance path into the club, where our bags used to bump around, now we have a clean, tidy and flat surface to welcome everyone into the Club. Equally as smart are the paths surrounding the Green which have sloping areas at the corners and smooth, straight areas along the sides. We are sure you can see the improved overall look.



Entrance pathway



Paving around the Green



2. **The sheds:** Our existing sheds, the Green Team supplies, tools and equipment Shed and the Tack Shed have both been repainted and have been joined by a new shed which will help to alleviate some of our storage problems. Many thanks to Brian Applebee and Derrick Summersby for their work assembling the new shed and repainting the sheds – the existing 2 sheds are already painted and the new shed will be painted in due course.. The overall look is a considerable improvement.



3. **The edging of the Green:** Our green is held in place by wooden structures around the edges and over the years these have gradually been rotting away, to the point that in the initial stages of their removal some virtually collapsed on touch, presenting a potential accident if someone had stepped on that edge to pick up woods from the ditch. So clearly, they were due for renewal.



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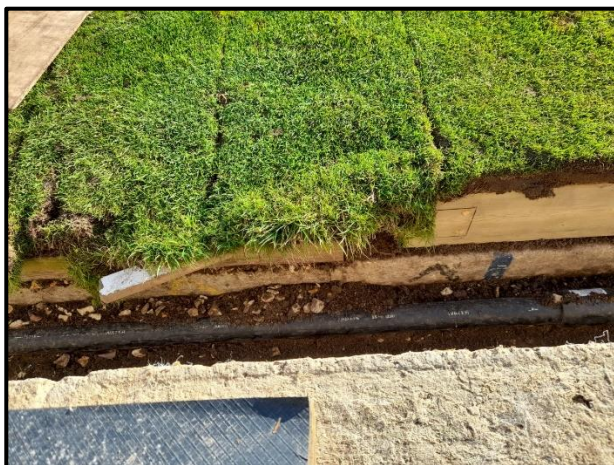
The Club was quoted £2,500 per side of the green, so a total of around £10,000, but thanks to the ingenuity of Colin Haupt, we have a newly designed replacement system using copper pipe and decking planks that has been undertaken by Colin and Ken Taylor, with support from other Green Team Members. They are now working on the fourth and final side, and the overall appearance is a huge improvement. Colin and Ken's total costs to the Club are around £1,500-£1,700, which has saved us over £8,000, for which we owe them our considerable appreciation for their ingenuity, sheer hard work and cost saving. All the way around the Green the wood is now lined with a damp-proofing material to give extra life to the system, which they hope will last a good 10-15 years. A major job very well done!



The "old" edging



The "new" edging



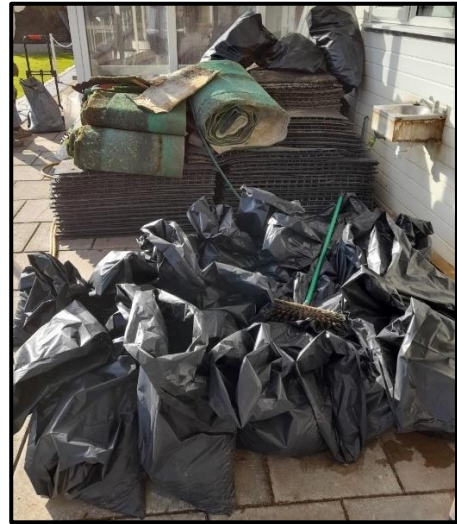
"Old" edging meets "new" edging



(At top of photo) "Old" edging
(At bottom of photo) "New" edging



4. **The ditches:** The old green ditch lining has been removed and the ditches cleared out ready for renewal, and this is why you may have seen endless bags of gravel and stones piled along the perimeter of the green. This hard work has been carried out by Brian and Derrick and has taken days to complete. These will be going back into the ditches, in time. Once the green edging is completed the green ditch lining will be replaced, the stone and gravel replaced and finally, the ditch mats will be repositioned.



Although the perimeter edge is currently quite untidy, the many bags are filled with old materials, debris and the gravel and stones which will be going back into the ditches. Once all the work is completed, we will be hiring a skip to take the remainder to the recycling centre. Then a straightforward clean up and all the hard work will be complete.

When you next visit the Club, we are sure you will see the differences which will last for many years to come. It will also be much better for our visiting bowlers, friends and members of the public. A huge thank you to all those involved in these major undertakings, but especially, Colin, Ken, Brian and Derrick.