

Syston Bowling Club

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PRESS RELEASE



SYSTON BOWLING CLUB DECLARES "OPEN HOUSE"

On Saturday 13^{th} September, Syston Bowling Club will celebrate the official opening of their £40,000 extension to changing room and toilet facilities and the inauguration of the disabled ramp running between the clubhouse and the green. Everyone is invited to share in the celebrations which will start at 10.30 a.m. with the usual monthly Club Coffee morning, including raffle – open to the public as usual.

At 11.45 a.m. Club Chairman, Colin Grimes, will formally welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Charnwood Borough Council and representatives of the Syston Town Council, to witness the proceedings. Life Member, Marjorie Clowes, will then cut the ribbon and invite everyone to inspect the impressive additions to Club facilities.

Marjorie Clowes has been an active member of the Club since the early 1960s. Currently a member of the Club's Board of Directors, she held the post of Ladies' President in 1977 and 1978 and played a very significant support role in the original building of the current clubhouse in 1984/5. Her husband Derek was also an active Member until his death in 2010.

Club Chairman, Colin Grimes says: "We are immensely proud of our new facilities and grateful to the National Lottery Olympic Legacy Inspired Facilities Fund, through Sport England, and to the Derbyshire Community Landfill Trust Fund, through Lafarge Tarmac, for their grants which have enabled these improvements.

As a Club, we regard ourselves as the current custodians of a very important community facility with our green and clubhouse representing the jewels in the crown of Syston's recreational facilities. To this end, we continue to spare no expense and effort to improve both quality and access in order to attract both experienced and novice bowlers and to enhance the reputation of the Town. The extension will hopefully enable us to attract more members from the community of Syston and its environs to take up the great sport of bowling. It is a sport in which men and women of all ages can enjoy on equal terms. We have a happy, all-inclusive Club and warmly welcome newcomers – young and old - to the sport. We also have specially adapted wheelchairs to cater for the needs of less mobile players.

Immediately after the opening ceremony on 13th September, visitors can choose either to watch the Finals of a couple of our annual Club competitions or, should they so choose, get on to the green themselves to try their hand, with woods supplied. Our clubhouse Bar and kitchen will be open throughout the proceedings for refreshments and we'll have plenty of Members on hand to lend a hand with coaching.

We offer a warm invitation to all who may be interested in inspecting our facilities and/or giving the sport a try and look forward to making many new friends and contacts. Come on Syston "Get Inspired!""

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