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## SYSTON BOWLERS EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF SUPPORT

At their regular monthly Coffee Morning in May, Members of Syston Bowling Club took the opportunity to recognise and pay tribute to the valued support and assistance offered to the Club by Chris Bates, recently retired Facilities Manager at the Tarmac site in Syston. Introducing him to Members, Club Development Officer Colin Grimes pointed out that the relationship had started over 10 years ago when the company, then Lafarge, had generously donated a defibrillator to the Club and arranged related training for a number of Members. Shortly thereafter, Lafarge had acted as local sponsor in support of the Club's successful application to the Derbyshire Landfill Trust (DLT) for grant aid for the installation of the disabled ramp running between the clubhouse and the gates of the green. He went on to say: "Over the years, Chris has arranged for Members to participate in first aid training sessions organised for Tarmac staff, has donated a desk, chair and shelving unit to enable the setting up of a computer room in the Club and repeated the local sponsorship support for a second, sadly unsuccessful, grant application to the DLT for the installation of electric shutters. Through his good offices, the company arranged for a full, professional risk assessment of the Club's application for parking adjacent to the clubhouse in Central Park. The results of this exercise undoubtedly played a significant part in finally persuading the Syston Town Council to grant permission, after many years of blanket refusal."



Picture shows Club Chairman George Dodge, making a presentation to Chris Bates and, on behalf of the whole Club membership, wishing him a long and happy retirement.

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