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Comments: I fully support the planning application for work on Brough Park, but would like to request consideration be made with regard to the two existing bowling greens and the facilities provided, known as the top and bottom greens. Since I started bowling approximately 6 years ago I have witnessed many problems with vandals, such as grass churned up by footballers, golfers, bicycles etc., verbal abuse from teenagers, sticks thrown at lady bowlers during a team match and worst of all a brick thrown at a visiting bowler. Despite all this the team spirit of our club members has never wavered. We have previously requested a secure fence around each green, but to no avail. Other improvements I would suggest include some sort over shelter around the gate area on the bottom green to provide cover for spectators against the rain, and refurbishment of the toilet facilities (which have to be seen to be believed)!

Please see a list of benefits for people when crown green bowling below. We have bowlers of all ages from 17 to 94 year;s old:-

Health Benefits of Crown Green Bowls

Health professionals recommend playing bowls, particularly for older people, as it provides a number of health benefits, including:

improved fitness

improved coordination and skill development

increased confidence and self-esteem

enhanced mental wellbeing

community connectedness and support.

How Crown Green Bowls Can Improve Your Health

Any form of exercise is good for your health, no matter how gentle it may be. If you are participating in a team sport, such as crown green bowls, it helps improve your social life too, which contributes to all round happiness and well-being.

Whether you are under ten, or over eighty, and are taking up the sport for the first time, crown green bowls is a great game for people of all ages and we shall take a look at these benefits below.

Here are some of the benefits:

Fitness ∷ Crown Green Bowls helps moderately improve muscle strength (arm, shoulder, leg muscles), flexibility and endurance.

Mental Health ∷ The game gets you out into the fresh air and helps alleviate depression and anxiety.

Increases Skills ∷ Bowls involves some element of problem solving skills and also helps improve co-ordination and concentration.

Improves Confidence ∷ Participating in a sport helps improve self-esteem and gets you out and about and meeting people.

Self-Discipline ∷ Sports such as crown green bowls involves turning up on time and being organised by wearing the correct uniform for competitive matches.

Social Interaction ∷ Crown Green Bowls helps improve social skills and being part of a team also gives you a sense of belonging.

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