



# The Haslemere Bowling Club

## Jeff's Story

In 1993, I was walking along Petworth Road, and helped a lady with her shopping. Turned out she was a member of Haslemere Bowls Club, and after watching a game, Jean and I decided to join HBC and play bowls. So we went to Worthing, the Mecca of bowling, and bought our bowls, I with size 6 with my large hands, and Jean size 0.



We then started to play, and improved slowly, so much so that Stan Tigwell invited us to play in the league - a great honour! We then played right up to 2018, and the highlight was Jean being Champion of Champions in 2012

I helped John Greenfield and with Peter planted 200 beech trees that had been ordered from Fernhurst nurseries, which now form the current green surrounding hedges, which would have died if left to me, but John knew they had to be watered! Jean planted up the flower box every year. I helped Peter Hooker build the low stone wall by the path.

Graham Ward obtained a flag pole from a building site, and the HBC flag has flown proudly for many years. I fitted hot water heaters in both cloakrooms, I have heard that one had leaked recently!

I was club captain and chairman during our career, and there was a great kerfuffle when a bowler who shall be nameless was re-admitted after some sort of scandal!

Jean and I thoroughly enjoyed playing bowls for HBC, and have many happy memories. I placed a bench in her memory after Jean died in 2019. Playing bowls was a great joy for both of us, and we built many lasting friendships.



Photo taken together at a U3A Amble

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