

Alderbury
Bowls
Club



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To:- Secretary Alderbury Parish Council

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Good Morning Liz

I would be grateful if you could pass on our concerns to the appropriate members of the Parish Council (PC)

Over recent months and, I have to say during last year's season as well, our bowling club has been plagued with footballs either being kicked over the fence onto our green or constant kicking a football against our very fragile wooden fence.

Whilst we don't want to stop these youths being involved in a suitable sporting activity, we would like to stop the above and for the goal posts with nets to be moved to a different area of the recreational ground so that if the ball kicked and misses the goal it doesn't end up on the green or smashing the fence.

I have spoken on several occasions to the Chair of the Parish Council who has been very helpful and has advised me that the goal posts belong to the Football Club. With that information in mind I spoke with the manager who was a little surprised it belonged to them. Between you and me please decide who they belong to and what to do with them.

Recently whilst we were playing a very important County Match a football was kicked over at least 12 times (probably more) I and several of bowls members spoke with the youths and explained the importance of the match and asked if they could be careful and not kick the ball so that it came over to the green. This was followed with some verbal abuse and quite a lot of swearing (not necessarily directly at us) but within earshot of the ladies playing. I didn't find it helpful when contacting a member of the PC to be told that our best way forward was to contact the PCSO **but that might lead to us being targeted.**

If this behaviour continues I believe that other clubs throughout the County will stop bowling at our venue which will have a very disastrous effect on the future of the club.

It is our members' opinion that if the goal posts are relocated to another area on the recreational ground, away from the club fence, the problem will go away. Our fear is that if you remove them altogether, the youths will just kick the ball at the fence.

On another issue that has just come to light and whilst I have no experience of drugs, one of our member assures me he can smell cannabis which he believes is being smoked on the recreational ground.

I would be very grateful if you would give this issue your immediate attention so that we can continue to bowl uninterrupted throughout the remainder of the season.

Thank You

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