

Buxton Cricket, Tennis and Bowls Overall Main Club AGM
Monday January 26th 2026 @ 7.30pm in the Pavilion

Attendance

Bob Marsden (chair & cricket rep), Tim Budd (treasurer), Allan Ramsay (secretary), Carol Taylor (tennis rep), Pete Freeman (bowls rep), Rick Underwood, Dee Ayers, Eddie Henshall, Gary Mellor, Steve Clark

Apologies

None

Minutes

Bob Marsden had circulated minutes from the previous AGM to the committee. These were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. There were two matters arising: (i) Denise Morris had been unable to take up the role of treasurer, so Tim Budd had stepped in to take this on. (ii) The issue of pollarding the chestnut tree by the tennis courts was still outstanding. Carol Taylor agreed to follow this up.

Section Reports

Tennis: the club has healthy numbers of adult and junior members. The men's team won the first division of the Sheffield and District League, and the winter mixed team won division 5 of the their league, but unfortunately the men's team have been forced to disband due to injury. The courts were resurfaced early in the year, using funds from the club's sinking fund.

Bowls: the club has reasonable numbers of members, helped by a drive using 'bowls buddies' which led to 20 new members joining. Nonetheless, the age profile of the game means that recruitment has to be maintained to cope with the fact people do retire from playing. The A team won division 2 of their league, and are now faced with the decision as to whether to accept promotion (which would mean putting out teams with more players)

Cricket: the club has over 200 members, and runs a total of 18 teams across senior men's, senior women's and juniors'. No particularly notable achievements in terms of winning leagues, but putting out 18 teams is in itself a notable achievement.

Chairman's Report (Bob Marsden)

The chairman had little to report, beyond the fact that the pavilion has a new door which works! Keys are available through him: they must be purchased from the original supplier in order not to invalidate the guarantee.

New Facilities for Cricket (Bob Marsden)

The cricket club is in urgent need of new changing rooms, because the current ones are not fit for purpose (particularly in view of the number of junior, women's and mixed teams the club is running). The original plans for extending their changing and social space have been scaled back because of the cost. Bob had circulated a revised set of plans, which he hoped could be kept under £500K, to the committee. He noted that the running costs of these new areas would be met by the cricket club, and would not be covered out of the general management charge as the new facilities will be separate from the main pavilion. These plans have been submitted to the planning authority, and conversations had been held with the neighbours. The new plans are on a smaller scale than the original, but the neighbours have raised questions about the effect on their views and potential noise issues. Bob does not expect there to be major issues with planning permission, but nothing can proceed until it has been granted.

Finance (Tim Budd)

Presentation of Accounts

Tim Budd gave a presentation of the 2024-25 accounts, alongside a copy of the 2023-24 accounts for comparison. He explained a number of apparent inconsistencies between the two (notably that the tennis section had paid for both years during the period of the 2024-25 accounts and that the cricket club had underpaid for two years). He commented that the club had benefited from a number of grants during Covid to help cover the effects of not being able to run any activities (and hence not being able to collect memberships) during the relevant period, but that these had now run out and the club needed to cover its running costs out of income -- basically the management fee paid by the three sections and the income from the fireworks. He estimated that the likely outgoings for the current year would be around £3600.

Setting of Management Charge

Tim therefore proposed setting the contributions from the sections at £3600. This was a substantial raise from the charge of £2500 for 2025-26, and there was considerable discussion of whether the sections could afford it. Dee Ayers noted that the contribution level before the Covid grants had been £2800, and that inflation since 2019 would have raised that to £3000 or more. Carol Taylor agreed that the club should balance its income and expenditure, which would mean raising the contributions to the level that Tim was suggesting, but noted that the sections would

have been planning for a smaller increase and would have difficulty adjusting their own budgets to cope with a sudden surge of this size. Tim Budd then proposed a revised contribution of £3000, with the proviso that it be noted in the minutes (and circulated to the sections) that this would almost certainly have to be raised to at least the original level of £3600 for 2026-27. This was put to a vote and was agreed unanimously.

Tim Budd noted that all three clubs have insurance through Howden's Insurance services, and offered to investigate whether the main club's insurance could be reduced because of this.

Bob Marsden agreed to talk to the fireworks' organisers to discuss the possibility of increasing their payment, possibly after looking through their accounts with them.

Getting someone to look at the electricity supply has proved difficult. This needs to happen so that we can get a better picture of the way the supply is structured; so that we can try to identify why the electricity costs are so high; and in preparation for metering usage in the various areas (the new cricket facilities, the floodlights for the bowls and tennis sections, the main pavilion). Bob Marsden will follow this up, possibly with contacts from the bowls section. Bob noted that a proper electrical survey will not be free.

AOB

Pete Freeman raised the issue of the main club's constitution. It was noted that this needs to be tidied up, since it was written nearly fifty years ago and contains a number of provisions that are no longer relevant (e.g. that a representative of the local council should attend the AGM). The meeting agreed to set up a sub-committee to look at this, with a view to bringing a revised document to the next AGM. It was noted that any major changes would have to be considered by the individual sections before such a document could be presented to the main club AGM. Carol Taylor, Tim Budd and Gary Mellor volunteered to take on this role.

Officers

The existing officers were all prepared to stand again, and were elected unopposed.

Chairman:	Bob Marsden
Treasurer:	Tim Budd
Secretary:	Allan Ramsay
Tennis Rep:	Carol Taylor
Bowls Rep:	Peter Freeman
Cricket Rep:	Steve Clark

The meeting expressed its thanks to Tim Budd for stepping in as treasurer.

