



NEW MILTON BOWLING CLUB



Whitefield Road
New Milton
Hampshire
BH25 6DE

2024 - 100 Year Celebrations

2024 will be a year of celebrations not only for the New Milton Bowling Club but potentially for New Milton as a whole. The 100-year history of the Club is being compiled by Nick Saunders and goes right back to those bygone days when there was no Whitefield Road, the recreation ground was a farmers' field, and Milton or New Milton was much smaller.

The growth of the bowling club, the launch of the recreation ground, all mimicked the many changes taking place over the years as Milton grew from Milton to New Milton, and the structure of the town expanded and developed. The history is being written by Nick Saunders and it shows for example that during the war the minutes of the club meetings clearly showed that life went on much as before...the classic British stiff upper lip despite the bombings only yards away from the bowling club.

In fact, looking through all the many committee minutes books, the only reference we could find to the war was one entry "the game must finish by 6pm as that is the last bus before the blackout". Please note the badge on the right above is the badge from the 1924 club start, compared with the current one on the left above.

Much has changed since then, and the growth of New Milton community, and the many activities reflects the imagination and hard work of the council. And today we have one of the finest bowling clubs in the county. Much of this is due to the imagination and efforts of the founding members but also to the excellent support we have had from the council.

For many years the council attended judiciously to the maintenance of the greens and surrounding gardens, and of course rented us the club house. This has been extremely well received.

In 2023, as a result of issues that Covid brought, and grounds maintenance was not a priority for obvious reasons, the club and the council agreed that qualified club members could take over the maintenance of the grounds. But the council were still happy to support us and help where necessary.

Our celebrations this year will be manifest in several key activities:

- 1 2 Open Days where we will invite members of the public to join us at the club and explore the fun of bowling, all ages, men and women. The day will have a fun atmosphere and food and drink available.
- 2 Bowls England will join us on July 3rd by sending a team of players from all over the UK to celebrate our 100 years. This day will include a bowling game, and several key people and guests will be invited. We anticipate about 50 coming to visit us and play. That day will also have dignitaries present to celebrate with drinks and dinner. These will be the Mayor, the Town Clerk, Chair of Amenities, Estates Manager, our MP, the press, etc.
- 3 We will be holding 2 Gala days, 24th July when we will invite a team from each of the New Forest Clubs to join us for a day of bowling, entertainment and dinner. On 14th August we will invite a team from each of the Bournemouth and District league to join us again for a day of bowling, entertainment and dinner.
- 4 A special members day will also be held specifically to involve current and previous members and family to join us again for a day of bowling, entertainment and snacks.

We will also be producing a Celebration book for the occasion, with the history of the club over the years (composed by Nick Saunders) and greetings from several local companies wishing New Milton Bowling Club the very best of health for the next 100 years.

And this is just some of the activities we are planning. But it is essential this is carried out in conjunction with the council to ensure full support and its success.

From: Simon Quincey
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023, 11:31 AM
To: Geoff Blunden
Cc: David Orme; Colin Barr;
Subject: Amenities Committee Meeting 27.11.23

To Councillor Geoff Blunden

Dear Geoff

Amenities Committee Meeting - 27.11.23

I wanted to thank both you and town clerk Graham Flexman for your warm welcome last Monday evening and for giving a mere Lymington resident (though I grew up in Barrs Wood Road!) the opportunity to speak.

The questions were fair and serious, and David thought the subsequent debate was accurately reported in the A&T.

I have thought about the Mayors' comment on the tube map:

"The idea is fantastic, but I can't back it until I know the safety aspects of what is being put in place and the money being spent."

We will obviously 'take' the first part of this statement. On the second part, the attached paper prepared by David, Colin and myself set out all the issues. If I may I would emphasise that are looking for 'in principle' backing on the routes (as Cllr Fran Carpenter has done); only HCC have the expertise to audit the routes for safety, we do not. Clearly though many routes between habitations would require junction improvements or other 'interventions to a greater or lesser extent. As I understand the process, all this will follow the cost feasibility stage which HCC would do as part of a 'high-level' review of the routes one-by-one.

What is key for us right now is that we are trying to have the tube map routes and the tube map area separately referenced for priority treatment in the New Forest LCWIP. This is because the LCWIP covers such a vast and varied area. This is how we have put the case when writing this week to a couple of senior HC Councillors:

There should be a focus now [respecting the New Forest LCWIP] on the Coast to Forest 'margin' between Lymington and New Milton, which is where most of us live and therefore where there is the greatest potential for growing cycling numbers. We think it is the scale and variety of environments within the New Forest LCWIP area which makes it such a tricky document to work up - it is much larger and more varied than most others. The danger is that the vast rural/ 'leisure cycling' areas in the NPA will dominate thinking; the tail will be wagging the dog.

We will see how we get on with this 'case', and if I may I will revert back to the Amenities Committee when we know the answer.

Many thanks again.

Kind regards

Simon Quincey

Safer Cycling Routes: New Forest South including New Milton

The New Milton Town Plan 2016 went out for consultation to all residents to have their say on various aspects of town planning for the future, including the proposed introduction of safer walking and cycling routes throughout the town. This, we understand, is part of the UK strategy to have sustainable travel which is safe and to persuade people to use foot and cycles for shorter everyday journeys to cut carbon footprints, improve air quality and above all increase fitness and well-being amongst the population.

From this, several safer walking routes were identified, but only two safer cycling routes: one North-South of the town and a short route East-West. No routes connecting our surrounding villages or even the popular commuting areas such as large schools or industrial estates were considered – presumably because these would be covered by New Forest District or HCC plans.

In 2017 the Government published its first Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy setting out the Government's ambition to make walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey. This was rolled out to local bodies to build a local commitment and hence The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) were born. The DfT states their cycling and walking strategy to include:

- **Increasing cycling and walking activity**, so that at least half of all journeys in towns and cities are cycled or walked by 2030 [only six years away!]
- **Reducing the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured on England's roads.**

The DfT states "For too long, some have seen cycling as a niche activity, rather than a normal activity for all. If we can increase levels of walking and cycling, the benefits are substantial. For people, it means cheaper travel and better health. For businesses, it means increased productivity and increased footfall in shops. And for society as a whole it means lower congestion, better air quality, and vibrant, attractive places and communities."

NMTC has not yet fulfilled its commitment set out in the New Milton Town Plan to identify and introduce safer cycling routes. It is also noted from Amenities meeting held on 11/07/2023 that Cllr Clarke identified and raised the point that the Neighbourhood Plan needed to be reviewed since it is now six years old. When this is reviewed, it would be an opportunity to scale-up the provision of cycle routes utilising low-volume, low-speed routes in the town, linking up to appropriate routes on the 'tube map'.

Our impression is that the Amenities Committee would love to see increased cycling in New Milton and the surrounding areas but considers it to be currently too dangerous to encourage cycling. We suggest that identifying safer cycling routes is urgently needed for New Milton, as other local councils have done - including Lymington and Ringwood, which have strong support from their Councillors. The New Forest LCWIP is intended to support this – and our input to this which currently concerns us. Now is the time to influence the strategy for the next 10 years.

We represent local cycling groups including New Milton Cycling Club (over 60 members), Christchurch Bicycle Club (over 200 members) and Lymington cyclists who use the roads and cycleways of the New Milton area for utility and commuting (as well as social rides).

In addition to regular cyclists who ride for recreation and social interaction, we need to encourage people generally to cycle as part of their daily life for both sustainability and also fitness. It's noted that cyclists on average live 8 years longer than the general population. However, many inexperienced or casual cyclists are too scared to ride our roads - and rightly so due to the state of road surfaces, speeding cars and sections of roads where cyclists are in danger of vehicle interference.

For example, traveling to Lymington or Milford by bicycle could be seen as only for the brave or foolhardy - especially if using the A337 or B3058. This is where the very well-designed Coast to Forest Linkup 'tube map' (produced by Lymington Transition Group in consultation with local cyclists including New Milton) comes to the fore. As introduced to NMTC at their Amenities meeting on 27/11/2023, the map has been devised to identify

possible safe cycling routes predominantly between New Milton, Lymington and surrounding villages (a population of 65,000). It indicates various suitable routes – for example to Milford via Downton Lane (Route 5a) and to Lymington via Sky End Lane (Route 3) and suggests **low-cost infrastructure changes** to make the identified routes safe and effective.

We suggest that now is the time for NMTC to proactively progress their local plans and also **to endorse this ‘tube map’** so as to influence NFDC and HCC to give the New Milton / Lymington area the safe interconnecting cycle routes it so desperately needs.

To summarise:

- The New Forest LCWIP is designed to set the strategy and to direct funding for safe cycling routes, primarily between centres of habitation in the NFD
- The Coast to Forest ‘tube map’ is not intended to direct the public on routes they should cycle – it is to help influence the NF LCWIP so that it majors on the Lymington - New Milton area, so to attract government funding to help make local cycling safer.

Can we count on your support?

Thank you.

Colin BARR

New Milton Cycling Club

David ORME

Christchurch Bicycle Club

NF CWG Committee

Simon QUINCEY

Lymington Transition Cycling Group

NF CWG Committee

3/12/23



NEW FOREST

LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Latest update from the New Forest National Park Authority

The New Forest NPA is working in partnership with Hampshire County Council (Lead Partner), New Forest District Council, Forestry England and a range of other partners to produce a Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) over coming years.

The popular National Park Walking & Cycling Festival held on 29 October 2023 was promoted and this year had the theme of accessibility with over 30 walks and guided cycle rides available to book on the NPA website. Following receipt of funding (to spend in the current financial year) from South-Western Railway, the NPA offered to support / deliver projects relating to exploring nature, accessibility and disadvantaged young people. The Walking and Cycling Festival 2024 is the obvious ongoing initiative where this can be implemented.

The NPA continues to work with HCC around the New Forest Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). There was an online stakeholder meeting in July 2023 to update on progress so far, including a map of proposed routes. The Cycle Working Group met in July and further subgroups have since formed to deliver on improving communication and mapping for the cycling community, in tandem with the Verderers.

Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans are a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level.

The key outputs of LCWIPs are:

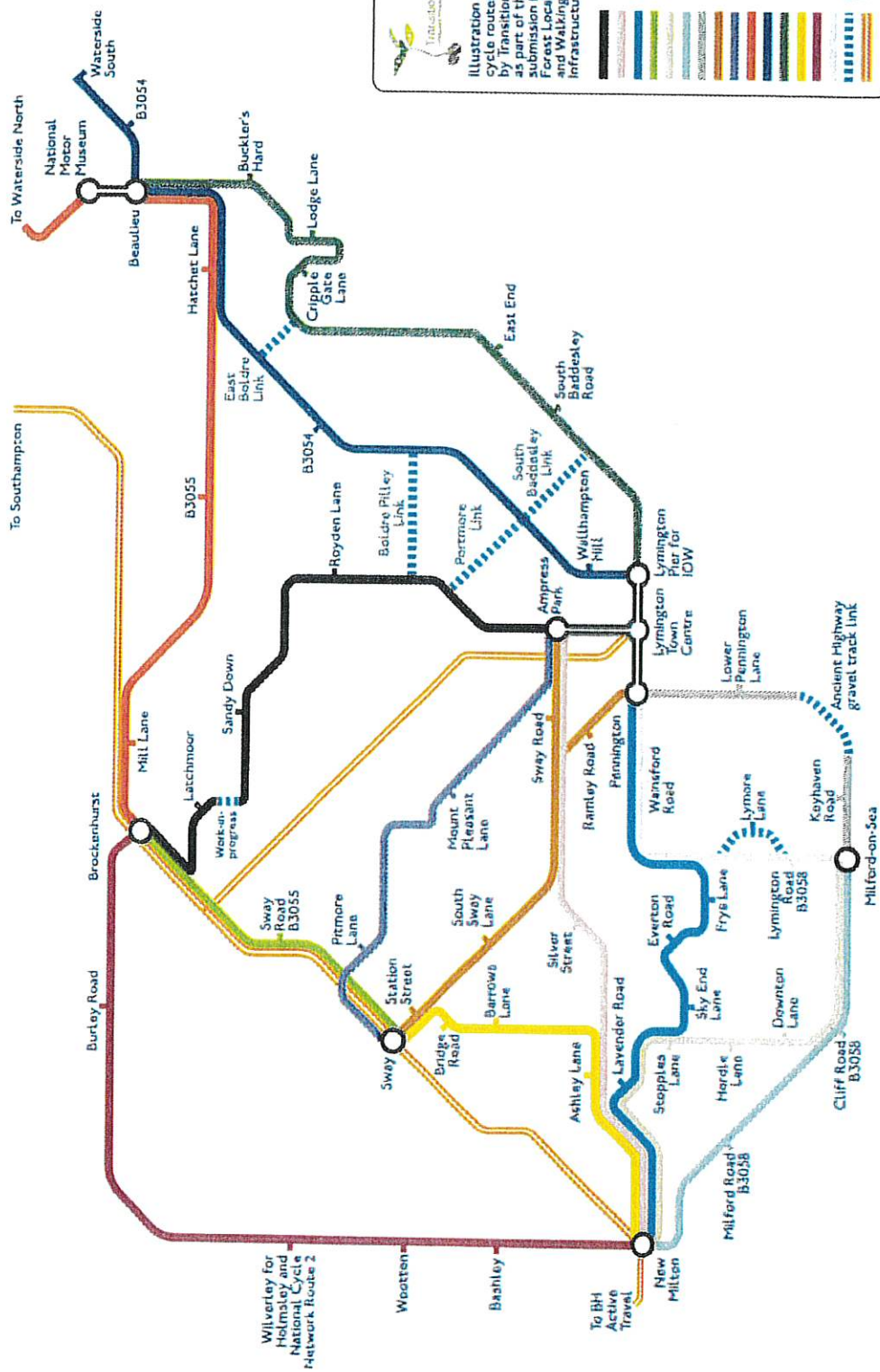
- a network plan for walking and cycling which identifies preferred routes and core zones for further development
- a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment
- a report which sets out the underlying analysis carried out and provides a narrative which supports the identified improvements and network

LCWIPs are linked to the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy and those who have plans will be well placed to make the case for future investment.

Cycling and walking measures are no longer seen as an afterthought but have moved to the very heart of considerations for all transport policy and planning.

New cycle route provision on busy roads which consist of painted markings or cycle symbols will no longer be funded. The NPA want to see as many as possible of the existing painted lanes upgraded with physical separation.

Coast to Forest Linkup





**New Milton Town Council
Land Use Request**

Request from:	
Location requested:	
Date(s) of Event	
Purpose/Event:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Please complete the attached risk assessment form – requests submitted without a completed risk assessment cannot be considered.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	By whom?	By when?
Exceeding the event capacity	Event attendees and participants	<p>Event capacity established on Event Application Form. Capped at 4,999.</p> <p>Events likely to attract large numbers, arrangements to ensure capacity not exceeded in advance, otherwise consider alternative venue.</p> <p>On-the-day monitoring of actual numbers in attendance to ensure capacity not exceeded, this being overseen by the event organiser.</p>	None		
Effective Evacuation	Event attendees and participants	<p>Exit routes easily identifiable, including open southern boundary.</p> <p>Event supervisor conducts 'on-the-day' check of venue, including means of escape.</p> <p>Staff/volunteers present to assist attendees in evacuating site (disabled/vulnerable persons as per O.S.35) and have received necessary briefing to carry this out effectively.</p>	No Further action. Full Emergency procedures plan in place for fire and other emergencies		
Event attendees or participants sustaining injury or becoming ill	Person requiring first aid assistance	<p>Staff/volunteers present to assist should first aid assistance be required and have received the necessary briefing to carry this out effectively. (O.S.37 applies)</p> <p>Organisers risk assessment should inform if professional medical service is being contracted, particularly necessary if sports activity is planned.</p>	None		
Large gatherings of people outside the site/leaving the site	Close proximity to road ways and collision with vehicles, particularly when leaving the event.	<p>Pedestrian areas around the site suitable to accommodate large numbers, checked for condition and adequately lit.</p> <p>Staff/volunteers to monitor/action and liaise with Police for safe dispersal if required.</p> <p>If effective crowd management cannot be realistically achieved, consider SJA contractors and/or other venue.</p>	None		
Smoking incl. E-Cigarettes	Legal Compliance	No smoking within marquees and other structures	No further action necessary.		
Emergency Procedures and exit signage	Public evacuation needs to follow clear routes	There are two exit points to the west, one to the north, one to the east and the southern boundary is open albeit for a grassed slope area to the footpath. Suitable signage non-illuminated in place	Ensure all signage is correctly maintained. See Fire & Emergency Evacuation plan.		

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT

<p>Slips, trips and falls</p>	<p>Staff and customers slipping/tripping/falling suffering fractures and bruising etc</p>	<p>The site will be maintained to its usual standard for public open space. Ground conditions will be monitored during lead up to event if poor weather conditions. Wires/cabling etc. to be above head height wherever possible. Any cables at ground level must be secured with adequate fixing and covered at reasonable intervals to prevent trips. Sloped exit at southern boundary not to be used as main ingress/egress point in poor weather. Good housekeeping – work areas will be kept tidy, goods stored suitably etc. Event organisers will be responsible for ensuring safety and security of own material.</p>	<p>Assessment of the ground conditions and subsequent recommendations or cancellation made to event organiser.</p> <p>Identify any ground level cables with hazard tape between fixings/coverings.</p>	<p>Estates & Facilities Manager</p> <p>Event organiser</p>	<p>In week leading to the event, once likely weather known.</p> <p>By published start time of event.</p>
<p>Falls from height</p>	<p>Staff/volunteers may suffer serious, possibly fatal, injuries falling from any height. For example when setting up or breaking down structures might fall from ladders.</p>	<p>Ladders will be suitable, regularly inspected, and used only for light work of short duration. Event organisers' responsibility.</p>	<p>No further action at this stage</p>		
<p>Manual handling</p>	<p>Staff/volunteers receiving back, neck and limb injuries from lifting heavy loads.</p>	<p>All staff/volunteers are briefed how to lift properly.</p>	<p>No further action at this stage</p>		
<p>Gas</p>	<p>Staff/volunteers and others risk injury from fire and explosion if equipment not properly maintained and used.</p>	<p>Must be included in Event Organisers specific assessment, including LPG use and storage.</p>	<p>No further action at this stage.</p>		

				Event Organiser	By event date
<p>Violence and antisocial behaviour</p>	<p>Staff/volunteers may suffer assaults, threats and abuse from members of the public.</p> <p>Disorder from groups of people who congregate in the area.</p> <p>Intimidation and abuse, including racial harassment.</p>	<p>Staff/volunteers will adhere to legal requirement not to sell alcohol other than in the terms and conditions granted. This includes setting up alcohol related stalls as per plan provided (See O.S.1) and marshalled as per organisers risk assessment, <i>which should give own minimum number of marshals and its justification to ensure Licence conditions upheld at all times.</i></p> <p>Staff/volunteers are trained/experienced in strong communication methods and how to avoid confrontation, following policy and know when to call police etc.</p> <p>Staff/volunteers will provide helpful, polite service and will not confront event attendees unless to prevent a criminal act.</p> <p>Incident log will be kept and filled out as soon as possible after any incident.</p> <p>Incident log will be kept for inspection by the Designated Premises Supervisor at any point.</p> <p>Cashing up done after hours/out of customers' sight with second person in attendance.</p> <p>CCTV is installed and clearly visible. NFDC Protocol with Police re CCTV for evidential purposes.</p> <p>No drinks within glass vessels to be sold, whether alcoholic or otherwise. See O.S.6.</p> <p>Staff/volunteers will ensure a zero tolerance of drugs activity will be maintained. Liaison will take place with police regarding any suspected drug activity.</p> <p>Door Staff will be used where appropriate and will be SIA licensed.</p>	<p>Organiser to adequately brief all volunteers. Training must be sought where necessary.</p> <p>(Log books to be used as appropriate)</p> <p>Continue to keep good liaison with local police and check latest advice.</p> <p>Ensure all incidents promptly investigated.</p> <p>Don't resist robberies</p>		
<p>Fire</p>	<p>Staff/volunteers and Customers at risk in the event of fire</p>	<p>Included in Event Organisers specific assessment</p> <p>Senior organiser to check exit points are clear on event Opening and during.</p>	<p>Full emergency procedures and evacuation policy in place.</p> <p>Fire buckets/extinguishers covering each marquee/structure and barbecue areas</p>		

Noise	Noise that escapes from the site may affect neighbours in an anti-social manner	<p>Event HOTLINE number attended to by nominated person from organisation responsible for event, as named on Event Application Form. Person responsible to react in appropriate way and log in incident book.</p> <p>Amplified music or sound events will be monitored at intervals by organiser to ensure kept at reasonable levels, preferably by experienced sound engineer with monitoring equipment.</p>	D.P.S. to note noise at sound sensitive points as necessary.	Estates & Facilities Manager (DPS)	Event days
Breakages	Staff /volunteers risk cuts from broken glass from clearing up after breakages of bottles.	<p>If breakages occur during decanting, they are cleared up using dustpan and brush kept behind bar counter, with staff wearing thick gloves.</p> <p>Staff told not to pick up broken glass with hands. Debris put in cardboard box to reduce risk to refuse collectors.</p>	No further action necessary.		
Hazardous substances	Staff can suffer chemical burns or develop dermatitis	Included as part of Event Organisers specific assessment as necessary	No further action at this stage		
Electricity	Staff/volunteers and customers could get electric shocks from faulty/damaged wiring or electrical equipment	<p>Safety should be tested then text included in the Event organisers' specific assessment. For example:</p> <p>Portable appliances to be checked by a qualified electrician at intervals stipulated by that professional.</p> <p>Staff/volunteers will be briefed to spot damaged equipment, plugs, cable and fittings and take out of service.</p> <p>Staff/volunteers will be told where fuse box is to turn off electricity in the event of an emergency. Fuse box/consumer unit will be kept accessible at all times.</p>	Town Council infrastructure safe and fit for purpose. Copies of PAT will be required before event date.	NMTC	Min. 2 weeks before event