

## **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2016**

**The Devon Bowls Development group has met on three occasions during this year.**

**Bowls Development work across the county has been on going , busy with package funding for Club Open days, Coaching courses, Safeguarding course and Disability modules for bowlers.**

### **Recruitment**

All the Devon clubs who undertook a BDA Silver recruitment package this year completed them successfully and recruited new members.

As a result of the recruitment initiatives through package funding well over 400 have joined bowls clubs in our County since 2011.

Recruitment funding is available up to 2017 and clubs may apply year on year – for most clubs the Silver Package is appropriate.

The required National recruitment figures set down by Sports England have been met and a new 4 year plan by the B D A has been presented for further funding beyond 2017.

### **Coaching**

This year two level 1 coaching courses and one level 2 course have been completed – 29 level 1 coaches and four level 2 coaches have qualified in the past three years. There are plans to hold another level 1 course in January/ February 2016 and a further level 2 course at the end of the year.

## **Safeguarding**

Two Safeguarding courses were held during the season with 21 bowlers attending at Topsham and 14 at Yelverton.

Each club should have a Welfare Officer and all should be encouraged to attend a course. If requested further courses could be arranged in 2016.

## **Disability bowling**

Clubs may apply for a BDA recruitment package aimed at increasing the number of disabled bowlers participating in our sport. Contact - [www.playbowls.org](http://www.playbowls.org) or call 01664 777001 for details and application forms for all the packages which cover bowling, out door, indoor and short mat.

The Devon BDA Committee continued to help clubs with the cost of producing posters and local advertising for their planned Open Day events. 11 were helped this year and have been encouraged to consider applying for package funding next year .

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