

# ESSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Secretary,

Following a meeting between the Chairman, Secretary and Green Testing volunteers the Executive Committee has agreed to cease the current Green Testing arrangement. The method of green testing starting this season will be for clubs to self-assess their own playing surface. The Committee is confident that all clubs will respond in a responsible manner.

Clubs should indicate to the Group Secretary that they have carried out their self-assessment and advise of any issues, if any, they have regarding the playing surface. If clubs are not sure as to how to assess the green a copy of the Groups "Green Inspection for Competitive Play" can be requested and sent.

The self-assessment scheme will enable Clubs and their members to participate in competing in competitive leagues and associated competitions throughout the area. Also any County Competitions that they have entered.

As a means to maintaining and improving the quality of the greens in Group 4 the following safe guards will be used.

- Clubs or competitors that feel the green/rink that they have been asked to play on is deemed unplayable should advise the Group Secretary within 48 hours of playing the game. If and when three separate complaints have been received The Group Secretary will then arrange for the green/rink to be tested by independent testers. Only bona fide complaints will be taken into account.
- Clubs that are experiencing problems with regular maintenance of their greens can request the Group to carry out an independent test.

The Committee hope that all clubs will embrace this departure from the historical method of green testing in a responsible manner that will ensure that their bowlers enjoy playing on good surfaces.

Group 4  
Chairman