



WINTER OPENING OF UPPER DONSIDE BOWLING CLUB

Community Interest Survey

UDBC is currently exploring the possibility of installing renewable energy into the clubhouse with a view to opening the bowling club during the winter months. We would like to hear the views of local residents, club members and community groups on this idea to inform our decision making.

We want to understand which activities people would enjoy, when they would be most likely to attend, and what facilities or events would make the club a welcoming and useful place for the community. We would also like to find out if there is a demand from local organisations to use the clubhouse for their own activities.

The survey should take approximately 3–5 minutes to complete.

If you need help completing this survey, please contact us.

Section 1: About You

1. Which of the following best describes you?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Current bowling club member
- ☐ Former bowling club member
- ☐ Local resident
- ☐ Member of a local community group or organisation
- ☐ Local volunteer
- ☐ Other:

2. What age group do you belong to? *(Optional)*

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18–30
- ☐ 31–45
- ☐ 46–60
- ☐ 61–75
- ☐ Over 75
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Section 2: Activities and Events

3. Which activities would you be interested in attending at the club during the winter?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Indoor social gatherings and informal meet-ups
- ☐ Tea, coffee and cake mornings
- ☐ Lunches, soup lunches or light refreshments
- ☐ Board games, cards or dominoes
- ☐ Quiz nights
- ☐ Bingo
- ☐ Arts, crafts or creative workshops
- ☐ Talks, presentations or guest speakers
- ☐ Music, singing or entertainment evenings
- ☐ Film nights
- ☐ Exercise, gentle fitness or wellbeing sessions
- ☐ Family-friendly activities
- ☐ Children's or youth activities
- ☐ Community group meetings
- ☐ Fundraising events and seasonal celebrations
- ☐ Skills-sharing sessions (e.g., first aid) or local interest groups
- ☐ Private functions or room hire
- ☐ Other suggestions:

4. Which three activities would be your highest priorities?

1)

2)

3)

Section 3: Interest in Winter Opening

5. If the bowling club opened during the winter, and offered activities like those listed in Section 2, how likely would you be to visit?

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Quite likely
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Unlikely
- ☐ Very unlikely

6. If the clubhouse hosted activities like those listed in Section 2, how often might you use the club during the winter?

- ☐ Several times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Once or twice a month
- ☐ Occasionally for special events
- ☐ I would not expect to use it
- ☐ Not sure

7. Would you be interested in helping to organise, volunteer at or run any activities?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Possibly
- ☐ No

If yes or possibly, please tell us what you might be interested in organising or helping with:

Section 4: Preferred Opening Days and Times

8. Which days would suit you best for visiting the club during the winter?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday
- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ Sunday

9. What times would you be most likely to attend?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Weekday mornings (9am–12 noon)
- ☐ Weekday afternoons (12 noon–4pm)
- ☐ Weekday early evenings (4pm–6pm)
- ☐ Weekday evenings (6pm–9pm)
- ☐ Weekend mornings (9am–12 noon)
- ☐ Weekend afternoons (12 noon–4pm)
- ☐ Weekend evenings (4pm–9pm)

10. Which opening arrangement would you prefer?

- ☐ One or two regular sessions each week
- ☐ Three or four sessions each week
- ☐ Open most days, with set hours
- ☐ Mainly open for organised activities and events
- ☐ A mixture of regular opening hours and special events
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Other:

11. What would be your preferred regular opening hours?

Section 5: Facilities and Refreshments

12. Which facilities or services would make you more likely to visit?

- ☐ Comfortable indoor seating and a warm space to meet
- ☐ Tea, coffee and refreshments
- ☐ Affordable snacks
- ☐ Wi-Fi
- ☐ Projector and screen availability
- ☐ Accessible toilet facilities
- ☐ Space for meetings and community groups
- ☐ Indoor games and activities
- ☐ Accessible facilities for people with mobility needs
- ☐ Other:

13. Would you be willing to pay a small fee to take part in activities or events?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Possibly, depending on the activity and cost
- ☐ No, I would prefer free activities
- ☐ I would be happy to pay for refreshments only

14. If refreshments were available, what would you be most interested in?

- ☐ Tea, coffee and cake
- ☐ Morning coffee gatherings
- ☐ Soup and a sandwich
- ☐ Afternoon teas
- ☐ I would not be interested in refreshments
- ☐ Other:

If you represent a community group or organisation, please complete Section 6, then 7.

If you don't represent a community group or organisation, please move to Section 7.

Section 6: Community Groups and Organisations

Please complete this section if you represent a community group or organisation.

15. Would your group be interested in using the bowling club during the winter?

- ☐ Yes, regularly
- ☐ Yes, occasionally
- ☐ Possibly
- ☐ No

16. What would your group potentially use the club for?

- ☐ Regular meetings
- ☐ Classes, workshops or activities
- ☐ Social gatherings
- ☐ Talks or presentations
- ☐ Fundraising events
- ☐ Private functions
- ☐ Other:

17. How often might your group use the venue, and what days or times would suit you?

18. What facilities would your group require?

Section 7: Your Views

19. What do you think would be the main benefits of opening the bowling club during the winter?

20. Do you have any concerns or suggestions about winter opening?

21. Is there anything else you would like the club committee to consider when planning winter activities and opening hours?

Thank you for taking part!

Thank you for sharing your views. Your feedback will help us understand what the community wants from the bowling club during the winter and whether there is sufficient interest to develop a programme of activities and opening hours.

Every response is valuable, and we appreciate your time and support.

Please return your completed survey to: _____

Closing date: _____