

HISTORY OF THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION - now called SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS

In 1909 the Kemp Town Bowling Club [Brighton] invited clubs from around the County to take part in a one day tournament. The draw for the event took place in the Imperial Hotel, Queens Road, Brighton on 26 August at which one of the club's members, John Carter [later Alderman] explained the main reason for the tournament was to gather Sussex clubs together with the aim of forming a Sussex County Association affiliated to the English Bowling Association. Three months later the Sussex County Association was formed and in 1917 John Carter became the first Chairman of the County and then Hon. Treasurer from 1918 until 1940.

The County's first President, in 1910 was the Rt. Hon. The late Marquess of Abergavenny KG. who continued in office until 1915 He was followed in 1916 by his Grace the late Duke of Norfolk. The late Sir C Thomas-Stanford, Bart. JP was President from 1917 until 1932 and the Rt. Hon. The late Lord Leconfield from 1933 until 1944. From 1945 onwards, a new President has been elected every year from members of the Association.

A Chairman was initially elected each year, until 1945 when the position of Chairman was amalgamated with that of the President. At the 2015 AGM the post of Chairman was reinstated to remove the administrative workload from the President.

At the AGM In 2012 The County changed its name to Sussex County Bowls.