SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS-WOMENS SECTION

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE- 2027

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for your support and due diligence in getting me to this point! It is an honour to be in this position, and I thank my home club, Midhurst, for nominating me for the role.

I thought three years would take a long time but since my role as Junior Vice, then Senior Vice to my position today, time has whizzed by and I have enjoyed every moment. Being here I feel a mix of immense pride and great responsibility. It is a unique time. Kathy leaving after 26 years' service and Nicky taking over. Our uniform change, The joint constitution and our first Joint AGM. It is transitioning and metamorphosing into a mega change for women and men. Exciting times ahead and I am honoured to be part of it.

For me, pivotal to any club is a good coach. It is essential to learn the basics and increase the knowledge, knowing, there is always help on hand. Being able to mentor and coach then seeing the end product, creates great satisfaction. For Sussex to go forward it is essential to have the solid foundations, and this comes from good coaching, sound advice and team effort.

2026 was a great year for me, qualifying to play at Leamington for the Sussex over 60s National mixed Fours, along with an amazing group of people, it was exciting and an absolute privilege to play. Mark Strong and Wendy Davies were amazing in their strong leadership, team orientated but get it right attitude! Supporting Sussex players throughout the week, in capacity as Senior Vice President, was an honour. Meeting so many old friends and making new ones, I look forward to 2027 at Leamington in my capacity as president.

I have a busy year ahead, but I know I have the support of many, Wendy, Tricia, Marylin, Nicky, Margaret, Rod and Mark to name but a few. Oh, and of course Paul! I thank you all. This year's men's President is Geoff Ffitch, we have worked together with coaching, and I look forward in continuing this partnership.

Sussex is a great county, but we can make it greater.

Anne Chuter