

## SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS - MEN'S SECTION

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - 2026

As I remember Peter Copper saying at the last AGM, my year as Vice President has raced by and the time to take over has arrived. It has been a pleasure to support Peter throughout the year.

I am also a staunch supporter of the Vice Patrons who provide a vital seed bed for County players and get the County message out to clubs - something that we need to promote as it is surprising how many club players have little knowledge of County matters.

I am pleased to see Peter taking over as Area One controller as we welcome Geoff Fitch to the role of Vice President. Geoff is also the County Coach and I am an advocate of thorough coaching - we need more of it to improve Sussex results in all competitions. I am sure I can rely on Geoff for his support through the coming year.

I must take the opportunity to thank my club for agreeing to nominate me even though this meant I could not continue as Captain for 2025. The Crouch is a friendly and thriving club and I feel fortunate to be a member.

I look forward to representing you all and encouraging others to take part in the sport we love.

Keep well and enjoy your bowling.

**Martin Graham-Hyde**

My charity for 2026 will be the KSS Air Ambulance which is an essential emergency service for all in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.