

## **Agenda item 11**

Level 1 course £130.00 - information below.

Coach Bowls are delighted to offer coaches a new format for the Level One Award in Coaching Bowls. This new format provides coaches to complete the theory aspects of the course before their practical, from the comfort of their own home via Zoom (face to face options will become available ).

The practical day will then follow, meaning coaches will be more prepared for their day on the green with their tutor.

The knowledge gained from this qualification ensures coaches have developed an understanding of safe, ethical and effective bowls coaching. It also enables coaches (who are aged over 18) to deliver pre-prepared sessions provided by Coach Bowls.

The course is 2 online modules plus one full day practical. It is followed by an independent assessment (either via Zoom or face to face). The cost for the course remains at £130. Bursaries for coaches that successfully complete the course are available from the relevant National Governing Body (via an application process).

This qualification is delivered in partnership with 1st 4 Sport Qualifications (Awarding Body) and gives an externally accredited Nationally recognised qualification (regulated by OfQual). It is the only Nationally Recognised Level One Qualification for the sport of Bowls in England and is wholly supported by Bowls England, EIBA Ltd, BCGBA and ESMBA.

Topics covered include:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Safeguarding (overview)
- Health, Safety, Accidents
- Planning and evaluating
- Coaching a Beginner
- Delivery
- Warm ups / Cool downs
- Working with the Jack
- Line
- Length
- Basic shots

Who is eligible to apply?

- Any club volunteer aged 15+ (16+ for certification).
- Any Level 1 coach from another sport who also has a background in Bowls can also apply for Recognition of Prior Learning to be eligible.
- Any current Level 1 Coach from all current accreditation schemes may choose to complete the Coach Bowls Level 1 qualification.

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## **Agenda item 12**

I'm from the Council's Total Environment Team and involved in a project called Trees for Climate. This is a partnership with Mersey Forest which focuses on new woodland creation schemes to help with offsetting carbon emissions. The eligible criteria is land

can be either be private or public land, there is a minimum area of 0.5 ha required and it must be for new woodland creation but not gapping up. The funding pays for the purchase & planting of the trees as well as a small contribution towards ongoing maintenance whilst the trees establish. The programme will be running for a few years starting in 2020. I'm in the process of identifying potential projects for year 2, which would mean delivery in the autumn/winter 2021 (subject to any further Covid implications).

I've been reviewing Neighbourhood Plans and looking to engage with Town or Parish Councils within the borough who may have responsibility for green space or aspirations for woodland creation within their parish which have potential for accessing this funding? If you could please give this some thought and let me know if it's of interest to you, we can then discuss further. Any questions just get in touch.

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**Agenda item 14** – (this information was provided by another parish council).

- BT – we had to wait until the consultation process what was complete
- Agreement of the telephone kiosk was completed
- We confirmed the make and model of the defib with BT who confirmed this type of defib met the criteria stipulated by BT
- BT sent us a poster to display in the phone box saying BT no longer owned the kiosk and we added our details to this and that we would be fitting a defib
- We had signage made up for the box (Think Print, £65.00 plus VAT)
- Electrician to fit defib to phone box (BJT electrical £200.00 plus VAT)
- The defib is registered with North West Ambulance

**Cost of the defib and cabinet.**

Defib Store 1000 - Stainless steel cabinet with heater, light and keypad light is £450 plus VAT plus £10 delivery.

Cardiac Science – Powerheart G5 Kit, Auto £1595.00 plus VAT (8 years consumable package).

**Monthly inspections**

Each month a staff member checks on the defib. The unit is cleaned/pads and battery are checked.

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**Agenda item 15**

Cllr Houlbrook will report:

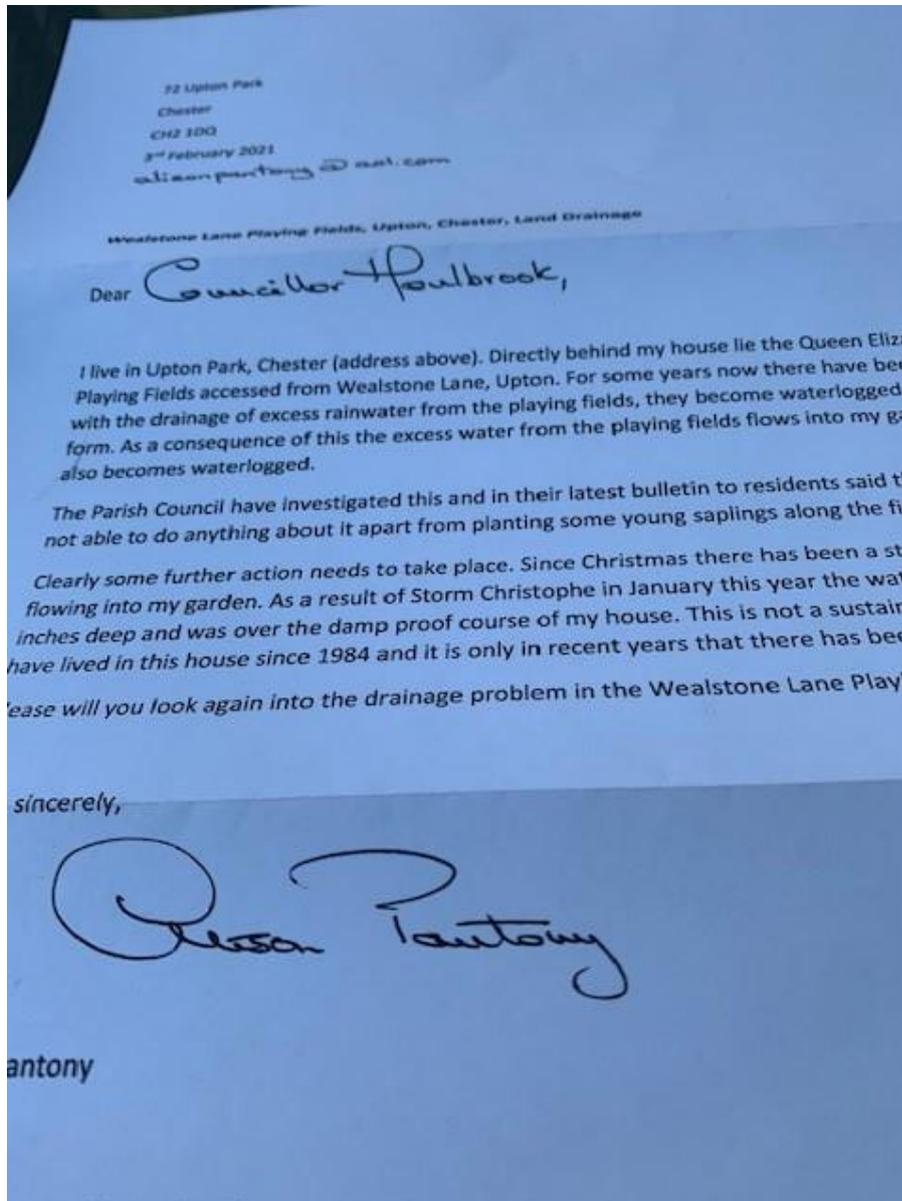
Given that COVID is likely to impact the area for some time and that IMHO its unlikely we have the summer event at QE2 it would be something in which the community could take part. If its too short notice for 2021 then its plenty of time for 2022 and we could maybe connect it with the HM Queen Elizabeth platinum jubilee in June 2022.

Maybe prizes (small) for categories eg. Best childrens' garden (tended by young person) best wildflower garden, best kept lawn something along those lines. We should be able to get a judge along – socially distanced. In fact, the past Chair of the Horticultural Society lives on Plas Newton Lane.

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**Agenda item 16**

The following correspondence has been received from Upton Park residents, in relation to flooding from the QE II playing field:



..... (sorry, that is the best version I have of that letter).

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Dear Suzi Bull

During the recent heavy rain and flooding several properties in Upton Park were affected by flood water coming off the Upton playing fields and running through Upton Park properties. Fortunately we are only affected in a minor way with water in the cellar but our front garden was waterlogged. I'm writing to ask the Parish Council to look at the drainage from the playing fields. I am no expert but I wonder whether drainage ditches need to be created or cleared and whether the pond that has now largely dried up could be used as a reservoir during times of heavy rain.

On a separate issue and I have emailed before and received no response. I would like to complain about the lighting on both the library and the Upton playing field pavilion. Having walked the streets

of Upton most nights through this winter, these lights are on constantly, and are very intrusive by way of light pollution. The library lights are so dazzling they could be considered a hazard to drivers on Wealdstone Lane. I'll be grateful if the council could look at this issue with view to either turning them off or if lighting is considered to be absolutely necessary looking at less intrusive lighting. I have noted with interest that neither Upton village surgery or Millview school have excessive lighting. As far as I'm aware they have not suffered any significant incidents as a result of this.

Many thanks for your kind attention.

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Dear Suzi,

As you have already been made aware, several properties in Upton Park were adversely affected by flood water running off Wealdstone Lane Park during the recent Storm Christophe.

The lack of adequate land drainage within the park has been raised many times by many people in the past and has indeed been acknowledged by the Parish Council (see comment below) . Several residents have also recalled that the situation has been made worse by a decision to fill in a pond within the park many years ago.

The attached plan shows a storm water manhole within the park (adjacent to the youth club building) so the lack of an available connection to existing infrastructure cannot be used as justification for not addressing this longstanding issue.

We wish to add our names to the list those that are seeking (long overdue) action.

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Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed improvements to the Upton tennis courts.

I have the following questions and observations.

Questions:

1. Has planning permission been approved?
2. Are there design drawings from an architect that are available to view?
3. What is the maximum height of the floodlights?
4. What is the new maximum height of the fencing?
5. Will the fencing be covered by an opaque mesh?
6. What anti glare measures are being used to eliminate light pollution?
7. Does the design conform to the UK government 2014 Light Pollution Legislation?
8. Will additional foliage be planted to obscure the floodlights?
9. What will be the latest time that play will be allowed to continue to?
10. What controls are there that the lights will be switched off at the end of play?
11. Is funding for the improvements being sourced from the Upton District Council Tax allocation?
12. What is the baseline level of current usage, and the expected increase in usage uptake figures, to judge if this investment was beneficial?
13. At what point in time was the current usage baseline taken? (Assuming it would be prior to COVID restrictions for a meaningful assessment)
14. If participants playing finish early, will the lights also be switched off at the same time?

Observations:

Light Pollution

1. For residents living near the Pavilion and the surrounding buildings there is already excessive and entirely unnecessary light pollution.

Two lights at the library remain on overnight, every night of the year. The plethora of lights at the Pavilion remain on overnight, every night of the year.

We already have a mini version of 'Blackpool Illuminations' every night as it stands.

Yet, the street lighting intensity along many parts of Upton has been scaled back for cost purposes.

There is little consistency to any of this, and the likely uptake of tennis courts with floodlights in an English climate hardly add to a sense of joined up thinking.

#### Portable Lighting

2. Many tennis clubs in the UK adopt portable floodlights, powered by rechargeable lithium batteries, and can be procured for less than £2000 pounds for the entire playing surface at Upton. They could also be used for the bowling green, or other events on the playing field area. They could also be leased. This approach avoids the ugly scarring of the skyline by permanent floodlights, and allows the true uptake to be assessed before any permanent infrastructure is added. It also reduces light pollution because of their positioning, and the battery life avoids the inevitable situation of lights been left on overnight. For these reasons, many UK clubs adopt this approach.