

BELLSHILL GOLF CLUB



**WE'VE COME ALONG WAY IN
116 YEARS !
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET**



Over the past year the club has attempted to improve both the course, the clubhouse and the surrounding environment including:

- Re-building of bunkers at 1st and 8th holes;
- Investing in a hand mower for the tees;
- Re-carpeting gents locker room;
- Redevelopment of the upstairs locker room to create the golf lounge with trackman simulator.
- Modernisation of ladies locker room—big thanks to lady member Jaqueline Evans.
- Repairing drains on 5 fairways;
- Over-seeding a number of tees and greens;
- Painting the external walls of the clubhouse;

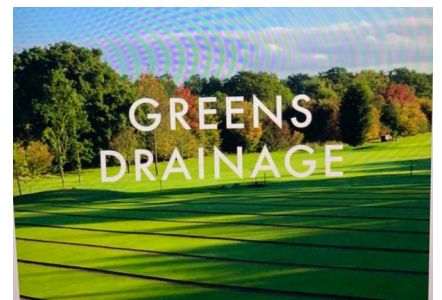
These improvements have been funded from a variety of sources including annual fees, sponsorship in case of the purchase of the simulator, money raised through initiatives such as the Virtual Golf which helped fund the locker room carpeting and from the goodwill of members and have

THE NEXT THREE YEARS

1. ON THE COURSE



18th green: as we are all aware this green in particular is prone to flooding. We plan to pipe drain the green to resolve this issue. Weather permitting this is planned for the end of this season.



Bunkers: these have been a recurring problem for many years. Over the next 3 years it is hoped that we can refurbish/ develop the existing bunkers starting with those at the 18th followed by those in the second field. The remaining bunkers on the course would then be upgraded over years two and three.
The recent upgrades to the bunkers at the 1st and 8th cost approximately £600 per bunker.



Green Keeping Equipment: a large part of our fees is used to lease our greens equipment - the *current kit costs approximately £42000 per year*. The current lease ends early next year and we are currently reviewing what equipment we require and discussing terms with prospective suppliers. We anticipate that any new greens cutting equipment will be of a non-hydraulic type which will mean an end to the occasional spillage. By rationalising what we currently have we hope to be able to add new equipment such as an over-seeder. This would allow us to regularly over-seed the greens and tees. *With the typical bag of seed costing £450 to overseed all tees & green costs around £3000 per application.*



Drainage: a number of areas are of particular concern particularly the 16th and the whole area around the 13th and 14th holes. In terms of cost this work is expensive – the recent repairs to drains at 10, 11, and 12 cost in excess of £3000 for materials.

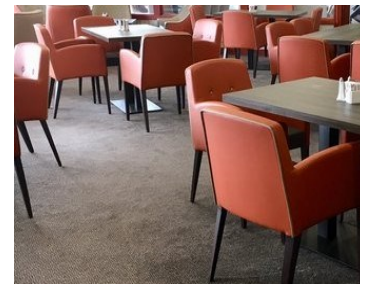
Tees – a number of our tees are on the smallish side and we have a number of issues with a lack of winter tees at many holes. Over years 2 and 3 we would hope to address this situation.

Pathways : a experimental new path was build at the side of the third tee. We would hope to build more paths like this and to make more use of rubber mats as we currently have from the sixth green to the seventh tee.

2. The Clubhouse

MAIN LOUNGE

The furniture and carpet in the main lounge are showing their age. We are planning to completely revamp the lounge with new slightly smaller tables, new chairs and the introduction of 2 three seater booths and 2 two seater booths. A new carpet will be fitted to complement the new furniture and this will give the lounge a modern and contemporary look that should be both attractive and comfortable to both members, guests and visitors. Images and samples of the seat coverings will soon be on display in the clubhouse. *This is a major undertaking and will cost in the region of £18000.*





The Car Park: one of the least attractive features of the golf club is the car park and the poor condition of the surface. It is our intention to level the existing surface and to tar it and to line it off. This will not increase the amount of cars that can be parked although it may help reduce the poor parking that is often witnessed. The trolley shed will also be relocated to be parallel with the end gable of the house although sufficient space will be left between the house and the shed to prevent any issues of dampness.



By surfacing the car park we will reduce the risk of cars being damaged due to pot holes and it will also reduce the risk of any member, guest or visitor tripping on the un-even surfaces that currently exists. As previously indicated this will cost in the region of £40000 to £45000

FUNDING

As previously indicated the many upgrades to both the course and the clubhouse that have already taken place have been funded without the need to raise the annual membership by any significant amount.

What we are proposing over the next three years involves much more substantial costs but as a Council we do not want to see any significant increase in the annual membership fee. We are confident that we can meet the majority of these costs from existing funds but we would like the membership to give us a helping hand by agreeing to pay a one-off levy of £35. By outlining the major re-development work that we have planned both for the course and the clubhouse over the next three years we hope that members will be more attracted to our proposal for a levy.

Once members have had an opportunity to digest this newsletter and have had the opportunity to view our proposals for the main lounge we will issue more details on the arrangements for the collection of the levy.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO

- **GREENS, TEES, DRAINAGE, BUNKERS**
- **MAIN LOUNGE**
- **CLUBHOUSE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

ALL FOR £35!!!