

Presidential Message



As the 2025 season starts, I am honoured to have been appointed as President of the Essex Vice Presidents' Association. I have been playing bowls since 1996 (although it does not always show) and have covered many roles, but this is truly "Special".

During the forthcoming year, the Association will play many matches within the County, bringing members and friends together in a sport that we all love and enjoy.

I must express my sincere thanks to the outgoing President, George Dowding who has done an exceptional job, and I feel privileged to follow in his and the many illustrious past Presidents' footsteps.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the Committee who are fundamental in the smooth running of the Association. I wish to give a personal thank you to Ken Perry who quietly works in the background keeping tabs on the finances and the production of our handbooks, and I must give special thanks to my wife Denise for all her help and support which enables me to accept this prestigious role.

For the 2025 Tour. Denise and I have decided to return to Norwich as we all enjoyed it so much in 2024. Thank you to both Tony Ellis and Ray Woollard who have both supported and assisted me with the finer arrangements.

As President, I will endeavour to carry out my duties to the best of my ability and to play with as many members as possible. I am pleased to welcome new members, who have joined the Association in the last year, and hope that you continue to enjoy the camaraderie that it brings.

My Senior Deputy President, Chris Waite, will be working alongside me, and we both look forward to a successful year ahead.

Keith Jones

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