

Appendix 3: Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6028		
Name of Organisation	Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club		
Organisation Type	Sports club		
Ward	Covers the whole of Letchworth		
Project Type	Stairlift		
Green option considered?	/		
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None that we are aware of.		
Previous financial support within six years	Yes - £1,000 Funds towards ditch repair - 2021-22		
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes	
Total applied for	£2,500	Total project cost	£3,770
Officer Summary			
<p>The Bowls Club is a very active local sports and social group. The Clubhouse is built so that changing facilities, storage, and toilets are on ground level and the social area, bar and kitchen and a viewing area are on the first floor accessed by a steep flight of stairs. The physical structure and arrangement of facilities cannot be changed, and the Club needs a stairlift to allow access to the essential facilities on the first floor. Currently members with disabilities cannot access the refreshment area, or social events or shelter in comfort. A stairlift would give accessibility and allow full enjoyment of club activities and encourage new members.</p> <p>They took advice from local people and other local groups and decided that they wanted to use a local firm. Three quotes have been obtained from local firms, all of which have provided testimonials and have track records of several years' experience. The firm that they have chosen to use, if they are successful in raising the funding required, is Herts Stairlifts Ltd, who submitted the lowest quote and will also provide a 2-year warranty and a lifetime parts warranty. They have also approached the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation for the remaining funding needed for the stairlift. This will be considered at a meeting on 15th March.</p> <p>Several of their current membership have restricted access to the full facilities and activities offered by the club. The club is very keen to expand the membership by offering physical and social activities to older members of the community and those with disabilities. The stairlift will enable the Club to do this. Currently the Club has 31 members. They hold an open day each year when they hope to attract new members. The next open day is provisionally planned for May 2024.</p> <p>The Bowls Club is a community space for residents. It provides a sporting activity with training and support for all ages but tends to be a popular sport for older people. They believe it is a valuable leisure activity which supports the physical and mental health of their members by keeping them active and involved. They provide opportunities for friendly competitions within the club, and formal matches with other clubs across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire from beginners to county players. They also provide activities such as quizzes, Friday night pizza socials and other evening</p>			

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation

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events during the year, which is why a stairlift is essential for both members and guests when they host competitions.