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RHS It's Your Neighbourhood Assessment Form 2021

Name of Entry: Vardre Bowling Club.	
Assessor: Jon Dolan.	Assessment Date 08/07/21
Section A - Community Participation (40% or 40 points)	
<p>The group is working towards things such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being inclusive of local people Local ownership and direction Making a difference to local people Involving local people with planning, decision-making, communication & implementation Representative of the local community Getting support (e.g. from local council, grant aid, sponsorship, in-kind aid etc.) Planning for the future Working in partnership with other organisations (i.e. police, community support officers, environmental groups etc.) 	
Total points assessed for Section A (out of 40)	38
Section B - Environmental Responsibility (30% or 30 points)	
<p>The group is engaged in environmental activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation (e.g. resources, heritage, wildlife, built environment) Composting Recycling Creating, maintaining or improving green space Sharing knowledge and skills <p>The group is engaged in addressing environmental issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly-tipping Fly-posting Litter Graffiti Dog fouling 	
Total points assessed for Section B (out of 30)	27

Gardening Achievement (30% or 30 points)

The group is employing good gardening practices appropriate to the area, such as:
good plant choice
Good maintenance, presentation and management
Creativity
Innovation
Overcoming site difficulties
Enhancing the area through gardening

Total points assessed for Section C (out of 30)

27

GRAND TOTAL POINTS ASSESSED

92

LEVEL ACHIEVED 5.

Outstanding.

Areas of achievement:

Many thanks for my warm welcome from Dave and Tommy on this my second visit to Vardre Bowling Club. Although we have missed a year I was pleased to see the continued growth and success of the club. All my previous comments from 2019 are still relevant along with the supporting documentation from Dave giving an insight into recent history and outlining the clubs achievements over the intervening period. All aspects of the bowling green, surrounding landscaping and buildings were in excellent condition and immaculately presented. Plenty of colour, tubs and baskets complimented the superb playing surface. The whole effect was picture perfect and reminded me of local authority facilities in years gone by. Where opportunity allowed there was recycling, upcycling and ecologically friendly measures in place. Much of this due to the dedication of Tommy and his considerable effort in ensuring top standards are achieved.

The club is extremely well organised and fully developed in terms of communication within the membership and extending its influence into the local neighbourhood. I believe this facility is developing into an essential hub for the local community as an outdoor space for all age groups. This is remarkable due to the voluntary basis of the leadership team. Recruitment of new members, engagement with residents and the business community is comprehensive and lasting relationships have been achieved. I believe with the foundations laid over a number of years and the fact that this group has the ability and creativity for further enhancements can only lead to long term success and prosperity.

I acknowledge your pride and dedication in building Vardre Bowling Club into the friendly and inclusive place it has become. The opportunity to hold the Welsh Men's Merits semi-final demonstrates your reputation amongst the bowling community is growing and is in itself a form of recognition for what you have achieved.

Areas for development:

There are a couple of new ideas in the planning stage which involve the installation of automatic sprinklers and improvements to the retaining wall. These are valuable additions which will assist in the maintenance and upkeep of the green although current evidence displays no reduction in the overall standard.

It would be difficult for me to suggest any further improvements only to keep maintaining and developing in line with what you have already archived.

Well done and congratulations to this the “friendliest club” I have visited.

Results

Level	Description	Points
Level 1	Establishing	0-35
Level 2	Improving	36-52
Level 3	Advancing	53-68
Level 4	Thriving	69-85
Level 5	Outstanding	86-100