

Walled Towns Bowling Competition Sunday 12th September 2021

The forecast was for heavy rain all afternoon, so thank goodness they were wrong again. The preparation for this competition is not difficult but can be onerous with the swapping and changes that can happen. However, with the help of Ian who sorted out the programme, Cllr. Helen Roberts, Chair of the Friendship Circle and others from our club, including Mary, our President, who turned out to help and watch, it was a very enjoyable day.

The day started with the Mayor of Conwy Town Council, Cllr. Collette Ryan, welcoming us all and thanking the Vardre BC for hosting this year's event. The Walled Towns Bowling Competition is just one of the annual activities organised by the Walled Towns Friendship Circle run by the Town Councils of Conwy, Beaumaris, Caernarfon and Denbigh. The bowling competition is hosted by one of the clubs on a rotational basis each year and next year it will be at Denbigh.

The programme of doubles matches means each of the three teams of two people per club play each other giving a total of 18 games. Starting at 11am and finishing around 4.30pm it was a full-on day and although lunch was provided there were no breaks. The ultimate result was that Beaumaris won on the day with 8 wins, we were second with 6, Denbigh third with 4 and Caernarfon brought up the rear with no wins at all. A strange result this year as Caernarfon often do well.

I feel it was a success and it was also felt that having the lunch provided was better than the usual end to the competition which was to have a sit-down meal after the presentation. By the end of the day players can often be tired and happy to go home after a day of bowling. I suspect that this format will happen again next year

Finally, our thanks go to the players from all clubs as well as Conwy Town Council, as several of their members and staff turned up, got stuck in, and made tea and coffee. Even the Mayor stepped in to lend a hand. Thanks also go to the Walled Towns Friendship Circle for their continued support.

If you want to help, play or get involved in any way next year speak to Dave Holland, he will be happy to have you on board.