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Good afternoon all.

You may remember that at the last AGM the meeting voted to change the club 'uniform' – Tracie's subsequent newsletter also read as follows:-

Uniform

The proposal to change the club uniform was agreed by a majority. From April, the Club uniform will be the usual white top (with Club motif) and BLACK bottoms (shorts, trousers, 3/4s or skirts). Discussions took place about where items should be sourced and the Committee will put together a list of acceptable items and distribute this in the New Year to allow plenty of time for members to purchase them. The Club will look at various ways to subsidise the purchasing of clothing to existing members. Please note that members can still wear their grey or white trousers, shorts etc for roll-ups and internal competitions.

The Committee met this week having done some research and it is the Committee's recommendation that 'BLACK bottoms as in shorts, trousers, ¾ and skirts should be **genuine bowls wear** and sourced from:-

Suppliers

Aceit have a range of bowls attire which don't have the "Bowls England" logo on them although those with the logo are still acceptable. Amongst their range are:

Unisex Tailored Shorts - £34
Ladies Tailored Shorts - £34
Unisex Elasticated Shorts - £25
Ladies Lightweight Bowls Short - £33 Ladies ¾ Lightweight Bowls Trousers - £35
Ladies Lightweight Bowls Trousers - £36 Ladies Sport Bowls Trouser - £34

Men's Bowls Sports Trouser - £28.25 - £34 (dependent on size)

https://aceitsportswear.co.uk/collections/aceit-bowls-range

There are other suppliers (Henselite, Drakes Pride and Taylors) and prices are similar

Henselite Sports Trousers - £34.99 Drakes Pride Trousers - £34.99 Taylor Sports Shorts - £34.95 Taylor Sports Trousers - £38 -

These can be purchased direct or from:-

Bowls Direct

We have spoken with Bowls Direct and they don't do roadshows to clubs even if

they think they will shift equipment. because they hold them around the area at various indoor bowling clubs on a regular basis.

https://bowlsdirect.com/road-shows/

For example:

Mole Valley – 17th January and 6th March

Sutton – 13th December, 8th February, 11th March, 11th April

King George's – 7th February

You can always order on line or visit their shop. They stock the Aceit brand as well as other makes. They will have sizes to try too which is always useful.

Amazon

Henselite have a numbers of items available through Amazon

And finally…….

Some of you will be asking ' why can't I get my own kit from M&S, NEXT or Harrods etc.' which is understandable but one of the issues that happens is that these garments can fade in colour over time (which would bring us back to the problem we have with various shades of grey) and in addition , styles do change from year to year.

We do understand that the proposal for a new uniform will cost money and to help alleviate some of the that cost the club are willing to make a **£20 contribution** to those costs (not per garment) as long as its bowls attire. Just keep your receipts and present them to the club treasurer Brian Duck and he will reimburse you the £20.

Many thanks

And finally, finally

The Committee wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Tony