

## **Berrynarbor Boules Club.**

I have always been very grateful to Berrynarbor Parish Council for supporting an unlikely covid lockdown dream.

My friend, the late Phil Ellis and I wanted to develop the recreation field as a community asset like (as he described it) a mini Bicclescombe Park!

We both enjoyed playing boule and as the country had recently voted to leave the EU we thought we should at least steal their popular village game and bringing it to Berrynarbor.

Work started on digging out the piste in May 2023 .

Berrynarbor Boules Club was born and with the support of the Council and the local community a pavilion was purchased and erected by the local community in mid-January 2025.

The club has gone from strength to strength and apart from tournaments and casual games we have developed a league (now entering a third season)containing 14 teams of at least six players of all ages from all parts of the Parish. This means that at least 84 villagers are playing regularly throughout the season.

The wonderful part about the formation of Berrynarbor Boules club is the fact that players are now joining us from outside the parish representing Combe Martin and West Down and our federated schools are also planning to introduce the game to a new generation of boules players!

March 2025 the council again supported the boules club by purchasing stone chippings in for the piste surrounding which was spread by generous volunteers from the community.

The parish council has supported a very unlikely project, but despite the reservations,I hope that you feel, as I do that we have created a worthwhile asset for the villagers of Berrynarbor

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