

Development Report Jan 2024 East Anglian Croquet Federation

Grant applications on the horizon

None. (Northampton have just received funding from CA and EACF towards new hut. Enfield ditto for a shelter/ seating. EACF now offer grants of up to £500).

Successful recruitment of young players

Downham have started a Junior Bursary Scheme. As part of the launch there was a well attended Pirates Day (with suitable attire).

Successful recruitment strategies

Frinton have continued to expand their new croquet section as have Much Hadham. Both use leafletting.

Successful fund raising campaigns

Northampton and Ipswich have used crowdfunding to help towards the costs of establishing their new set ups.

New clubs/Bowls clubs

There may be a new club set up Clenchwarton Bowls Club (near King's Lynn - no further news). Equipment loan given to another Bowls Club at Gransden, Beds.

Other Developments/Issues

Doddington have used a local engineer to produce a set of hoops very similar in design to Foxy hoops at a fraction of the costs. I used the same chap who has produced a set of hoops (provisionally called Quickset) at a cost of £180. Croq England have funded this. I will be sending a hoop off for testing and approval.

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