



WINTERBORNE VALLEY CROQUET CLUB

WINTERBORNE STICKLAND SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB

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Winterborne Valley Croquet Club

Welcome note for prospective members

A very warm welcome and thank you for considering Winterborne Valley Croquet Club (WVCC). We do hope you will join our friendly club. If you do, we are sure you will enjoy your croquet and our various activities.

This note provides a short overview of WVCC. You can find a lot more information about the club on our website at <https://www.wvcroquet.co.uk>

First, a bit of history. The club was formed in 1987 as Kingston Maurward Croquet Club playing at Kingston Maurward Agricultural College, near Dorchester. In the spring of 2019 the College gave us notice that we had to leave at the end of September 2019. After considering various new locations, we decided to move to Winterborne Stickland Sports & Community Club (as a club within a club). The club was renamed in October 2019 and Winterborne Valley Croquet Club was formed. We were offered the use of one half of a previous football pitch, which gave us sufficient space to form 2 full-size croquet lawns. After a lot of work by the committee, members and our groundsman, the first lawn was opened on 1st June 2020.

Our season runs from April until the end of October. The lawns are open for play each day of the week from 10am to 8pm. It may be that the committee will allow some play during the winter months, but it will always depend on the condition of the lawns and the weather at the time.

To join the club, we would ask you to complete the Membership Form, which you can download from the Membership section of our website and pay the membership subscription, which is currently £145 payable from the beginning of the season. There is a sliding scale for those who join later in the season; you can find the rates in the Membership section of the website.

On joining WVCC, we will arrange for a member of the committee to meet you at the club to show you around and explain how the club operates. For new members who have not played before, we will arrange some lessons to introduce you to the two forms of the game – Association Croquet and Golf Croquet. All equipment is provided, including mallets – you just need a pair of flat-soled shoes. There is no particular dress code while playing at the club – white clothing need only be worn for club matches.

At present we have to play under the Government's Covid-19 Regulations and the guidelines provided by the Croquet Association. The committee has prepared some Safe Play Instructions with which all players must comply. A copy of these instructions will be sent to you separately if you decide to join.

We have a number of 'club sessions' when members can turn up, names are drawn out of a hat and we all play with or against other members. Golf Croquet club sessions are held on Mondays at 10am and 1pm, and we run Association Croquet sessions at 10am on Tuesdays (short croquet) and Thursdays (full lawn). Outside of these times, members are able to reserve the lawns to play either form of the game. All players have to prebook time on the lawns using an online booking system. Details of the system and login details will be sent to you when you join.

The club also has teams, which play in the South West Croquet Federation leagues. Friendly matches are also arranged against other clubs. Whatever your standard you will have the opportunity to play in a team should you so wish.

Don't worry too much about having to remember all this, as it will all be explained to you when you have your initial induction meeting at the club if you decide to join. And if you are not sure about anything, be sure to ask; we are a friendly lot!

If you have any questions about the club or membership, please contact the Membership Secretary via: membership.wvcroquet@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the lawns!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and sign this form and return with your subscription to the Membership Secretary:
Neal Unitt-Jones, South View, Duck Street, Winterborne Kingston, Dorset. DT11 9BW
 Or email to membership.wvcroquet@gmail.com

Your Personal Details:

Name			
Address			
Telephone No	Home:	Mobile:	
Email address			
Other croquet club memberships?	Club name:		
Handicaps if known	Association:	Golf:	

1. Your personal details will be used only for the legitimate business of processing your membership application, to assist with the wider management of the Club and to enable us to communicate with you. Your details may therefore be shared with other Committee Members and Match Managers in order to manage the Club.
2. Your details will not be shared with any other 3rd parties without your permission save that as a member of WVCC you are an Associate Member of Winterborne Stickland Sports and Community Club (WSSCC) and your name (only) will be passed to them for their records.
3. You have a legal right to object to your personal data being held by the Club (WVCC). Please contact the Membership Secretary if you have any concerns or objections.

Consent Agreement¹ – Members contact list, online booking, CA Membership and CA directory.

The club circulates a contact list to all members showing members’ names and contact details (email addresses and telephone numbers). We do this to enable members to arrange friendly games with other members. Your email address is necessary for the online court booking system (FastCourts) and is visible to WVCC club members (via a password protected login) who use the system.

Unless you are already a member of the Croquet Association (CA), by joining WVCC as a playing member you have the opportunity to become a Standard Member of the CA², which we (as a club) encourage.

Delete as applicable:

1. Do you consent to have your contact details included in the contact list?	YES	NO ³
2. Do you consent to your email address being used for the online booking system?	YES	NO
3. Do you consent to becoming a Standard Member of the CA?	YES	NO
4. Do you consent to personal details being held in the CA’s online directory?	YES	NO
5. If you answered YES to 4, should your details be visible to all members of CA, or only members of this club and others of which you are a member?	All CA	My clubs

¹ If you wish to change your consent agreement at any stage in the future, please contact the Membership Secretary.

² Benefits include: access to the online version of the CA Gazette; access to the online Tournament Entry System; opportunities to gain awards based on both croquet skills and other contributions to the game; voting rights which deal with current issues and future policy; and access to the Members’ Area of the CA Website (which includes the CA Directory, CA Minutes & Papers, Selection Event Availability, Surveys & Voting and Membership administration).

³ If you choose ‘No’, your name (only) will be included on the contact list as ‘ex-directory’. If you do not wish your name to be included on the contact list, you should inform the Membership Secretary.

Annual Subscriptions for the 2024 Season

WVCC has a range of membership options to allow for existing members who are renewing, new members, those in full time education or those who just enjoy the social events. The minimum age for membership is 11. There is no maximum!

Please select your membership type:

	Full membership. A renewing member, or a new member playing the full season.	£145
	New member joining from 1 July 2024	£90
	New member joining from 1 August 2024	£70
	New member joining from 1 September 2024	£50
	New member joining from 1 October 2024	£30
	Country membership. A playing member who lives more than 25 miles by road from the club at DT11 0NF.	£125
	Young Person membership. Members under 25 on 1 st January of the membership year or in full time education.	£30
	Non-Playing member	£10

Young Person members only			
Date of birth		School or college attended	

Special Offer

10% discount on first year full membership for members of WI or U3A who join WVCC before 1st July 2024

I am a member of WI or u3a* (Please delete) Branch Membership No

Payment methods. Please select:

	Cheque enclosed. Payable to Winterborne Valley Croquet Club
	Bank Transfer: Sort Code: 30 – 99 – 12, account no: 00455853, with your initial and surname as reference.

Member's signature:

Date: