The 2022 report for Tanfield Parish Council

from West Tanfield Bowls Club.

With the feeling that covid hopefully is behind us, the club is optimistic of a bright future. Although several members have decided not to continue playing, a recent Open Day/taster session was successful in bringing new members onto our green.

Our new clubhouse is proving to be very popular and useful. It enables us to be even more sociable both among club members and when welcoming other clubs for a friendly match. The match season has begun and we are now able to entertain our visitors with after match refreshments in our own clubhouse.

Improvements continue to be made around the green with new paving having been laid in one area to make better access. A new notice board has been put in place on the road side of the green which we hope will keep West Tanfield residents better informed of our activities. We endeavour, as always, to try and increase the number of villagers who are members of the club. It has been noticeable that casual visitors are more in evidence, possibly due to the reduction in the number of trees along the road side.

The Ripon branch of the U3A continues to use our facilities on a Wednesday morning. Club members are using the green each Sunday afternoon and Friday evening, with matches being played mostly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Further improvements are planned including work on the area under the trees near the road and lockers inside the clubhouse.

We look forward to another successful year.

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