

HAMPSHIRE UMPIRES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 2018

2018 has been a busy year for the Hampshire umpires, especially towards the end of the season when the County finals were held. This year the weather was kind to us and all events took place as scheduled.

Although Hampshire is a large county and, on the face of it, has a reasonable number of qualified umpires, a closer examination of the list reveals a declining number of active umpires, mainly due to age and ill-health. Consequently, any new or prospective umpires are always welcomed. Anyone interested in becoming an umpire should start by looking at the web site of the English Bowls Umpires Association, www.ebua.org.uk, where details are published of how to become an umpire.

One of our umpires, Hazel Marke, has been unavailable to carry out any duties as she will become President of Bowls England in 2019 which will keep her busy for at least the next year. Congratulations to her.

I would like to close this report by thanking all those umpires who have put themselves out this year to ensure that the game we all love runs smoothly and to ask the organisers of events which require an umpire to request our services as early as possible.

Tony Prince

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