

## Warwickshire Youth Academy

Warwickshire Bowls Association will continue with the Under 25 Youth Academy following its success last year to help identify, nurture and develop young bowlers within the county. It is open to both female and male players who are 25 or under. We know that many parents and grandparents already encourage their children to become interested in bowling and we are keen to further that initial enthusiasm.

The rationale behind the academy is to provide high quality coaching over a number of Sunday mornings during the summer season and build on the excellent base level coaching they may already have received within their clubs. In addition it will create a pathway for these players to both the White Rose and Amy Rose National competitions as well as hopefully providing future talent for both the Middleton Cup and Johns Trophy teams.

This coaching will not cut across any sessions that Neil Hancock and Kirsty Richards (respective team managers for White Rose and Amy Rose teams) have already planned. As well as this, it will open an avenue to those who are Under 18 to the Bowls England Academy selection event where up to 2 players may be nominated to represent the County and receive further high level coaching and if successful to attend the Bowls England Academy training weekend which opens up a route to potential Under 18 International honours.

This year the Academy is based at Lillington Bowls Club South Warwickshire between 10am and 12.00pm on the following Sundays – May 1, June 19, July 3 and 7 Aug. In order to continue and maintain this venture we need to be able to identify all bowlers in the county who are aged 25 and under.

It would therefore help enormously if you know of any such players who may be interested. Initial contact will be made via their parents/guardians. In order to register an interest please contact Malcolm Evans, Warwickshire BA County Coach and Director of Coaching Bowls England by email - [malevans84@sky.com](mailto:malevans84@sky.com) or by phone - 07910216117. Existing players who attended last year will be contacted directly.