CqE DIPLOMA CITATION FOR LYNNE PASSFIELD – BATH CROQUET CLUB

Lynne joined Bath Croquet Club in 2015 and has always been an enthusiastic club member.

Since joining the committee in 2016 and becoming Chairperson in 2020, she has worked tirelessly to improve facilities at the club and it has benefited hugely from the major initiatives that Lynne proposed and implemented.

Lynne's diplomacy came to the fore when negotiating a favourable new lease for the club. She also leads on many important tasks - repairing equipment, arranging powder coatings for hoops, organising major alterations to a hedge and so much more.

In 2023, she established a link with the annual Jane Austen Festival, offering an opportunity of croquet with cream teas for attendees. She enthused members to support this activity for some 300 festival goers. It proved a hugely enjoyable and important PR enterprise for the club.

To encourage young people to play croquet, she introduced an Under 18 Academy, leading the coaching team. She has taken the team to the National Schools Championships for the last two years.

The club website has been the subject of much discussion over the years but, in 2026, Lynne managed to identify an expert club member and, working with them and using the CqE standard format, Lynne ensured that a new website became a reality.

Irrigation of the lawns has been an ongoing issue for many years, but stakeholder liaison and lawn layout were problematic. In 2025, Lynne spearheaded a project, first gaining knowledge of the technical issues and feasible solutions, before liaising with stakeholders. A borehole proved impossible, but Lynne persevered and a project has now been agreed to implement a mixed watering system.

In summary, Lynne is a powerhouse of activity within the club and, without her involvement, the development of Bath Croquet Club would have been far less effective in recent years.