Input for High Halden Parish Meeting 11 April 2022

**HIGH HALDEN SHORT MAT BOWLS**

Like many organisations it has been a challenging couple of years for the group. However, the Club has continued to thrive and is well supported by some 20 members and we see 12/15 along regularly to our Friday sessions. There is a very fruitful relationship with the outdoor Bowls Club in Biddenden as a number of players from short mat have gone to play the outdoor summer season and this winter quite a number of the Biddenden team have started to plat Short Mat regularly. The only downside is that with the majority of members playing outdoors in the summer that Short Mat is only played October to April. The decision was taken that this year we move from our Friday evening timeslot and play **Friday afternoons 2pm to 5pm** this has worked really well. Club finances are stable with normal session fees, £2.50 per person, comfortably covering hall hire and allowing a small surplus to cover consumables. It was great to finish 2021 with a Christmas buffet on the last Friday before Christmas and included a fun tournament the afternoon was well supported and enjoyed by everyone.