

A Message from Management

The first half of 2025 has brought exciting and positive changes to Crondon Park — not just on the course, but throughout the entire club. We're thrilled to see the progress being made, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members for their continued support and belief in the bright future we're building together. Your commitment, especially during times of transformation, means everything to us.

At the start of the year, we introduced a new membership structure — a bold step designed to modernise the club and open doors to a wider golfing community. While change naturally comes with challenges, we're incredibly encouraged by the response. Despite seeing a few familiar faces move on, the overwhelming majority of members have chosen to renew, many embracing the new categories. We're proud to share that renewals during April, May, and June — our busiest renewal period — have exceeded our expectations, leaving us in a stronger position than projected.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new structure has been the introduction of the points-based memberships. These were designed to provide an accessible entry point for newcomers to golf, and the uptake has been nothing short of remarkable. Many Bronze members have already topped up or upgraded — a clear sign that they're enjoying their Crondon Park experience and see the value in being part of our community. This trend echoes across the County, where more and more clubs are introducing similar models to connect with today's evolving golfing audience.

In addition, allowing visitor access during peak times (after member access) has helped introduce new people to the club, many of whom are now becoming members themselves. It's a testament to the vision we're putting into action — and the momentum is real.

Thanks to all for this support, the past two months have been record-breaking for revenue. This success directly fuels our ability to invest back into the club. We're already making significant strides in course and facility enhancements — and the coming months will see even more. Key projects include:

- Clubhouse redevelopment
- Full-course irrigation system
- Comprehensive bunker rebuild programme
- Driving range and practice facility transformation, including radar and camera technology

It's an incredibly exciting time to be part of Crondon Park. The progress we're making together is bringing the long-discussed potential of the club to life — and we're just getting started.

Thank you once again for your continued support, positivity, and belief in the journey ahead.

Regards,

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Managing		Director of
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Course Conditions and Overview

Following one of the driest winters and springs in over 70 years, golf courses across the country have faced significant challenges with growing conditions and disease management. To give some context, till the end of June 2025, we have had 199mm of rain vs the same period in 2024 we received 396mm. In addition, since the 1st March we have had 70mm whereas in April 2024 alone we received over 100mm. Fortunately, we've been in a strong position here at Crondon Park thanks to the expertise, knowledge, and experience of our Head Greenkeeper, Stewart Rogers and his team. Our turf remains in excellent health, which is a testament to his team's efforts.

That said, areas where we've sown over a tonne of seed have struggled due to the prolonged lack of rainfall. The extreme weather patterns we've experienced in recent years—ranging from heavy downpours to near-drought conditions—have played a major role in shaping the future direction of the course. In response, you've already seen the launch of one of the most extensive drainage projects in the county.

Now, we're turning our focus toward enhancing our irrigation infrastructure. Work is almost complete on the new ring main and have started fairway irrigation, which will give us full control over course conditions year-round. These upgrades are key milestones in our 5-year plan to establish Crondon Park as one of the top golf courses in the County.

Project Bunker - Major Progress

Many of you will have noticed the exciting progress being made as part of Project Bunker. Several newly reconstructed bunkers are already back in play—and we're sure you'll agree they look fantastic. Their updated design provides strong visual appeal from the tee while the China clay sand we've chosen offers excellent playability.

Over the next 10 days, all of the rebuilt bunkers will be filled with sand and reopened, bringing the total to 17 completed bunkers.

From Monday, 30th June, our bunker contractor will return to complete the remaining bunkers. The aim is to have all bunkers on the course fully reconstructed, redesigned, relined, drained, and back in play by the end of September. These improvements will significantly enhance both playability and course aesthetics. Thanks to their modern construction, these bunkers are built to last—requiring minimal maintenance for many years to come.



Irrigation Upgrades & Winter Preparation

The irrigation project is also progressing well, with the ring main nearly complete. Final connections to tees and greens are in progress, giving us a brand-new, high-capacity system. This upgrade, combined with improvements to the reservoir and pump house, ensures we have a surplus of water and are well positioned to begin fairway irrigation.

Over the next 10 weeks, Steve and Perry—our dedicated irrigation team—will complete the final stages of the ring main, carry out improvements to the greenkeepers' yard to house new equipment safely, and begin working on targeted drainage enhancements around walk-off areas in preparation for winter.

They will also begin installing as many fairway irrigation legs as possible leading into Christmas and into the new year. Thanks to the recent drainage improvements, ground conditions should allow us to continue work further into the winter than in previous years.

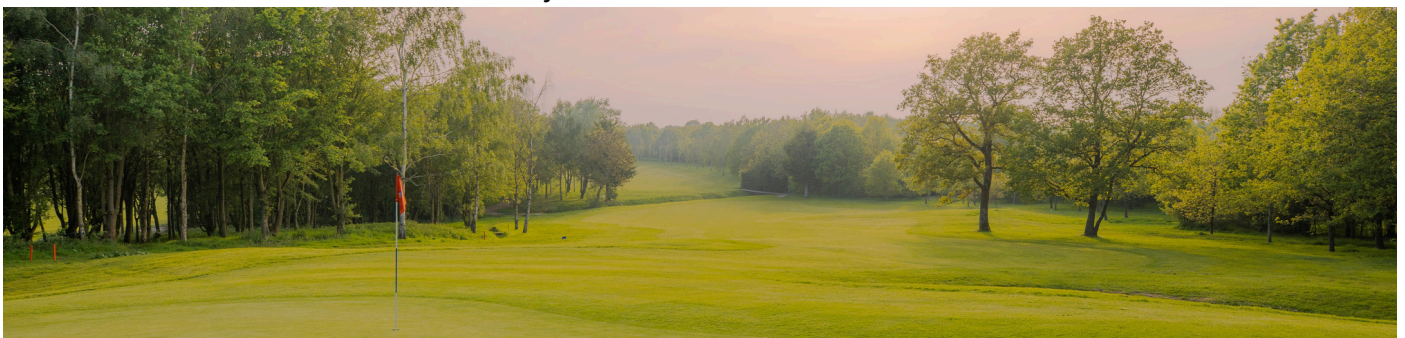
Pace of Play & On - Course Etiquette

Over the past six months, we've seen a significant increase in the number of rounds being played. With this growth, and recent changes to the club, we've welcomed a more diverse range of golfers—including new members, longstanding members, visitors, and guests. While this is a positive development, it also presents the challenge of ensuring all players respect the course and adhere to the expected pace of play. With higher traffic on the course, maintaining an acceptable pace becomes essential—not just for operational flow, but also for the enjoyment of every golfer. A slow pace of play can negatively impact the overall experience, so it is important we all play our part in keeping things moving smoothly.

To enhance the golfer experience, we've already taken proactive steps, including increasing the number of marshals on the course. We also plan to grow this team further. If you're interested in joining the marshal team, please contact David at David@crondon.com.

To support our marshals in managing pace of play more effectively, we will be expanding the use of our PACE software—part of the GPS system installed in our buggies. This technology enables us to monitor the location and pace of each buggy in real time. Additionally, we are planning to introduce GPS-enabled bag tags, which will allow us to track walking groups as well. This innovation will help identify potential gaps and delays before they become issues, allowing marshals to take timely action.

Given the size of our 220-acre estate, this technology will be a valuable tool in helping our team oversee the entire course more efficiently.



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Wildlife at Crondon

Over the past couple of years, many of you will have noticed a significant increase in wildlife across Crondon Park — both on the land and within our water networks. From soaring buzzards and other bird species to carp, muntjac deer, pheasants, partridges, geese, rabbits, and hares, the presence of nature continues to enrich the overall experience of playing here. While managing wildlife on a golf course can present occasional challenges — particularly when animals cause damage to certain areas — our Head Greenkeeper and his team are fully committed to balancing course maintenance with the protection and support of the local ecosystem. Preserving and enhancing the natural environment is a key priority for the club, and we believe that the beauty and biodiversity of the course are part of what makes Crondon Park such a special place to play.

Competitions

July is shaping up to be one of the busiest and most exciting months in the club's calendar.

Not only do we have several teams still competing in inter-club county events, but we're also hosting a fantastic line-up of major competitions — giving members plenty of chances to either get their names up on the honours boards or welcome new friends to the club and show them what Crondon Park is all about.

The action-packed month kicks off with the Professionals Trophy, a shotgun start event proudly sponsored by our Professional team. This is followed by a series of key dates including Lesley Harvey's Ladies' Captain's Guest Day, Bobby Veck's Captain's Day, Nigel Tyrrell's Seniors' Captain's Charity Day, the David Brown Memorial Trophy, and of course, the highlight of the season — the Men's Club Championship.

It's a great time to be involved at the club, and we can't wait to see you out there!



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Introducing Saturday Roll Ups

At Crondon Park, we've always placed a strong emphasis on social golf. It's a brilliant way to build friendships and community, something we value highly as a club.

The response from our Midweek Roll Ups has been overwhelmingly positive, with many members telling us how much they enjoy the friendly atmosphere and easy to join format. It's been fantastic to see as many of you getting involved.

Thanks to this success, we're excited to announce that Roll ups will now be extended to Saturdays! This gives even more members, especially those who can't join during the week the opportunity to enjoy the same welcoming, social format at a peak time.

While recent changes to our membership structure and bookings required some adjustment, we've been encouraged by how well our social groups have adapted. Expanding these kinds of offerings is part of our ongoing commitment to ensure Crondon remains a place where members of all playing styles can enjoy the game.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Roll Up, whether midweek or now on Saturdays!

Join Our Private Members Facebook Group

We're excited to announce the launch of the official Crondon Park Private Members' Facebook Group. A dedicated space for you to keep up to date with what has been happening at the club.

This group is exclusively for Crondon Park Golf Club Members and is designed to bring us all together. This is a platform for not just the Club Management, but also each of the committees to keep you up to date with results, what's happening at the club and socials.

