Federation of Crown Green Bowls

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Junior and Youth Leagues

Six different Federation affiliates hosted the three Junior and Youth League events held on the first Sundays in May, June and July with two venues used on each date. Furness and Leeds areas were the hosts in May with Middleton and Heavy Woollen the venues in June followed by Ormskirk and Rochdale in July.

Ormskirk won the Junior League (sixteen years and under), amassing the highest match day score of the Season in both of the Leagues when they totalled twenty-nine points on their home patch to beat 2012 and 2013 Champions, Leeds, into second place. Furness won the Youth League (age limit twenty-one) which they first won in 2003, the year the Youth League was formed, and haven't won since, until now eleven years later, beating seven times winners, Leeds, into second place. The first of the fixtures in May gave Furness the edge when they outscored Leeds by three points thereafter the two teams scored identical points in both June and July.

The prizes for performances of individual merit were awarded in three age groups as follows:-

Junior - 13 years and under.

The winner was Mathew Greenwood (Ormskirk) who won 8 games out of nine, average 1.496. The runner-up was Sam Farmer (Leeds) who also won 8 out of nine, average 1.411.

Intermediate – 14 to 16 years.

The winner was Cameron Wright (Ormskirk) who won all 9 of his games, average 1.734. The runner-up was Jamie Winterburn (Leeds) who won 8 games out of 9, average 1.500.

Youth – 17 to 20years.

The winner was Tom Harris (Furness) who won 8 games out of nine, average 1.427. The runner-up was Robbie Ellis (Leeds) who won 7 out of nine, average 1.517.

Overall the Awards of Merit incorporated a total of 118 young players in the three age groups.

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