

In 2017, the Federation of Crown Green Bowls took the decision to change the format of the junior/youth league that had been running for 12 years.

Following a successful first year, the same format was again applied this year, which I am please to say, brought the same degree of approval from all associations taking part.

Helped by some fantastic weather, spectators were once again treated to some excellent bowling by all the enthusiastic youngsters competing.

Thanks again to the help received from Roy Atkinson, the Federation were able to book the greens at Eagle & Child, Farington Conservative Club, Fox Lane, Leyland & Farington Social Club and Wymott Bowling Club.

Cheshire County joined the youth league, but Chorley dropped out and unfortunately Rochdale were unable to field a second team this year leaving the youth league with 5 associations competing.

Playing all their matches at Fox Lane, the five associations played each other once with 8 players per team and again with 4 in a team.

Like in 2017, Heavy Woollen were once again worthy champions, drawing both 8 and 4 man games with Leeds, but comfortably defeating the other teams to repeat last year's winning 4 point margin ahead of Leeds, who once again finished runners up.

With Chorley also dropping out, there were 11 entries for the junior section, so there were 2 divisions of 4 teams and a 3rd division comprising of 3. Cheshire Parks changed to Stockport & North West.

In division 1, reigning champions Leeds comfortably won all six matches to finish top on 52 points, with Furness finishing runners up 16 points behind the Yorkshire outfit.

Preston dominated division 2 winning all their matches to collect 44 points, 7 points in front of Ormskirk in second place.

In division 3, Furness 'A' overcame a 6 point first round deficit to finish 6 points in front of East Lancashire.

The feedback from all the associations that I spoke to, was that the change of format had been a success.

The Federation is the only place where youngsters can play 3 league matches in a single day and spectators can enjoy 6 hours of continues league bowling.

Most associations with junior and youth teams now are getting the benefits from it, as a lot of players make a progression through the teams to senior and in some cases county level.

I urge you please, go back to your associations and see if you can enter a team, for next year, or the following year if more time is needed.

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The merit competition, awarded on games won in the league matches, is still proving to be very successful.

I would like to thank all the association team managers for sending me their result sheets and players ages.

12 year old Furness player Jack Preston finished top in the **13 and under age group**, with another 12 year old Leeds player Owen Laurie runner up. Both players won 5 out of their 6 games played, with Preston having the best aggregate.

15 year old Preston bowler Aaron Hayhurst was the winner of the **14-16 age group**, winning all six games, as did Leeds bowler Aaron Brine (14) who was runner up. Special mention to Emma Tobin (Leeds) who also won all six matches.

In the **17-20 age group** it was Heavy Woollen bowler Bailey Rice (19) who took top place, which he occupied last year as well. He just pipped Leeds bowler Will Bedford (19) by the narrowest of margins after both had won all 6 games. Rice scored 126-76 while Bedford's score was 126-77.

The final tables were:-

**YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE**

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
HEAVY WOOLLEN	6	44.5
LEEDS	6	40.5
ROCHDALE	6	27
ORMSKIRK	6	20
CHESHIRE COUNTY	6	18

**JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLE**

**DIVISION 1 TABLE**

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
LEEDS	6	52
FURNESS	6	36
HEAVY WOOLLEN	6	22
LEEDS 'A'	6	10

**DIVISION 2 TABLE**

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
PRESTON	6	44
ORMSKIRK	6	37
STOCKPORT & N W	6	26
ROCHDALE	6	13

**DIVISION 3 TABLE**

TEAM	PLAYED	POINTS
FURNESS 'A'	6	39
EAST LANCASHIRE	6	33
ORMSKIRK 'A'	6	18

## 13 & UNDER FINAL MERIT TABLE

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Pld</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Agst</b>	<b>Aggr</b>
1	J PRESTON	Furness	6	5	1	118	69	1.710
2	O LAURIE	Leeds	6	5	1	118	77	1.532
3	A RILEY	Ormskirk	6	5	1	123	87	1.414
4	M BROWN	Preston	6	5	1	121	98	1.235
5	T CLAMP	East Lancs	6	4	2	116	82	1.415
6	E LOWDEN	Furness	6	4	2	115	100	1.150
7	H PRESTON	Furness	6	4	2	114	103	1.107
8	J ANDREWS	Stockport	3	3	0	63	49	1.286
9	T PATRICK	Leeds	6	3	3	103	96	1.073
10	H PRESCOTT	Ormskirk	6	3	3	104	100	1.040
11	H VEEVERS	Preston	6	3	3	103	101	1.020
12	A CLAMP	East Lancs	5	3	2	86	85	1.012
13	R MACPAKE	Furness	6	3	3	109	108	1.009
14	H COPELAND	Ormskirk	6	3	3	103	104	0.990
15	L KNOX	Stockport	6	3	3	111	116	0.957
16	D THOMPSON	Furness	6	3	3	110	116	0.948
17	R IRWIN	Ormskirk	6	3	3	95	111	0.856
18	M POTTER	Ormskirk	3	2	1	53	45	1.178
19	H TWEEDALE	Rochdale	3	2	1	51	51	1.000
20	F RIGG	Furness	6	2	4	104	106	0.981
21	T SCORAH	Leeds	3	2	1	52	54	0.963
22	A ARNOLD	Ormskirk	3	2	1	53	59	0.898
23	J BRANNON	Furness	6	2	4	96	107	0.897
24	L COPELAND	Ormskirk	6	2	4	101	113	0.894
25	B McLEAN	Rochdale	6	2	4	102	117	0.872
26	C RIPLEY	Heavy Woollen	6	2	4	96	114	0.842
27	S DOLAN	Rochdale	6	2	4	98	118	0.831
28	H JONES	Ormskirk	6	2	4	95	115	0.826
29	J FAIRLIE	Ormskirk	6	2	4	81	100	0.810
30	J PROCTOR	Stockport	6	2	4	80	114	0.702
31	E RIGBY	Rochdale	6	2	4	77	119	0.647
32	M MILLWARD	Stockport	1	1	0	21	11	1.909
33	M CRITCHLEY	East Lancs	2	1	1	38	30	1.267
34	K PROCTOR	Stockport	5	1	4	87	91	0.956
35	A COOPER	Leeds	3	1	2	52	61	0.852
36	A MASSEY HOLMES	Furness	3	1	2	41	57	0.719
37	L BUTTERFIELD	Heavy Woollen	6	1	5	88	123	0.715
38	G RIGBY	Rochdale	6	1	5	86	122	0.705
39	G CUMMINGS	Rochdale	6	1	5	82	122	0.672
40	K GREENWOOD	East Lancs	3	0	3	56	63	0.889
41	C HODKINSON	Preston	3	0	3	54	63	0.857
42	R PATRICK	Leeds	6	0	6	88	126	0.698
43	H GREENWOOD	East Lancs	3	0	3	43	63	0.683
44	OLLY SCOTT PARKER	Heavy Woollen	3	0	3	42	63	0.667
45	C FROST	Rochdale	3	0	3	35	63	0.556
46	S YERKESS	East Lancs	5	0	5	58	105	0.552
47	M RIGBY	Rochdale	6	0	6	66	126	0.524
48	W HANSON	Leeds	6	0	6	64	126	0.508
49	K ROGER	Stockport	1	0	1	9	21	0.429
50	L CURRIE	Ormskirk	6	0	6	54	126	0.429

## 14-16 FINAL MERIT TABLE

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Pld</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Agst</b>	<b>Aggr</b>
1	A HAYHURST	Preston	6	6	0	126	74	1.703
2	A BRINE	Leeds	6	6	0	126	78	1.615
3	E TOBIN	Leeds	6	6	0	126	81	1.556
4	J DICKINSON	Preston	6	5	1	125	73	1.712
5	J HARRIS	Preston	6	5	1	122	83	1.470
6	L WEATHERILL	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	121	84	1.440
7	S WORRALL	Leeds	6	5	1	120	90	1.333
8	S NAYLOR	Furness	6	4	2	117	84	1.393
9	J SMITH	Furness	6	4	2	118	86	1.372
10	A TOBIN	Leeds	6	4	2	118	86	1.372
11	C FARRELL	Ormskirk	6	4	2	120	91	1.319
12	K LAST	Furness	6	4	2	111	95	1.168
13	C PEAKE	Ormskirk	6	4	2	123	109	1.128
14	J LAST	Furness	6	4	2	111	101	1.099
15	S FISHER	Furness	6	4	2	105	103	1.019
16	K HAINSWORTH	Leeds	6	4	2	105	109	0.963
17	A EDMONDSON	Leeds	3	3	0	63	28	2.250
18	J THOMAS	Leeds	3	3	0	63	33	1.909
19	L ANDREWS	Stockport	3	3	0	63	37	1.703
20	M WILSON	Furness	3	3	0	63	43	1.465
21	B MILLS	East Lancs	6	3	3	108	96	1.125
22	A GARWOOD	Stockport	5	3	2	100	97	1.031
23	J RIGBY	Preston	6	3	3	113	110	1.027
24	M BUSHELL	Cheshire County	6	3	3	101	108	0.935
25	C LYMAN CHAPMAN	Heavy Woollen	5	3	2	89	96	0.927
26	S KNOX	Stockport	6	3	3	101	110	0.918
27	OSCAR SCOTT PARKER	Heavy Woollen	6	3	3	100	111	0.901
28	D SCHOLEFIELD	Cheshire County	6	3	3	93	111	0.838
29	J WINTER	Preston	3	2	1	62	43	1.442
30	B DEEGAN	Ormskirk	2	2	0	42	30	1.400
31	S FARMER	Leeds	3	2	1	59	45	1.311
32	A WINTERBURN	Leeds	3	2	1	61	48	1.271
33	C SHARPLES	Furness	3	2	1	54	45	1.200
34	M G SMITH	Heavy Woollen	3	2	1	51	46	1.109
35	R SMITH	Furness	3	2	1	52	47	1.106
36	A RIMMER	Ormskirk	6	2	4	113	111	1.018
37	E McNEIL	Ormskirk	6	2	4	119	118	1.008
38	S SHAW	Heavy Woollen	3	2	1	54	54	1.000
39	R MASSEY HOLMES	Furness	3	2	1	57	60	0.950
40	K DEAKIN	Cheshire County	5	2	3	77	103	0.748
41	A CARLING	East Lancs	2	1	1	36	32	1.125
42	I SAINTY	Furness	3	1	2	54	56	0.964
43	A HARRIS	Stockport	3	1	2	57	61	0.934
44	D FLINT	Ormskirk	3	1	2	56	60	0.933
45	G JEWITT	Heavy Woollen	3	1	2	52	57	0.912
46	T JOHNSON (W)	Leeds	6	1	5	104	117	0.889
47	A McDERMOTT	Cheshire County	3	1	2	47	54	0.870
48	B OATES	East Lancs	3	1	2	47	54	0.870
49	J MATHER	Ormskirk	3	1	2	45	53	0.849
50	J BOND	East Lancs	3	1	2	49	61	0.803
51	M FARRELL	Cheshire County	6	1	5	90	117	0.769
52	E WILSON	Heavy Woollen	5	1	4	70	92	0.761
53	H WILSON	Heavy Woollen	6	1	5	88	123	0.715
54	S SPENCER	Cheshire County	5	1	4	67	102	0.657
55	H RISLEY	Leeds	6	1	5	72	120	0.600
56	A HARRIS	Cheshire County	3	0	3	43	63	0.683
57	J HANSON	Leeds	6	0	6	85	126	0.675

58	J BEER	Rochdale	3	0	3	42	63	0.667
59	C MANN	Heavy Woollen	2	0	2	27	42	0.643
60	J TORR	Rochdale	3	0	3	39	63	0.619
61	R GODDARD	Stockport	6	0	6	72	126	0.571

### **17-20 FINAL MERIT TABLE**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Pld</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Agst</b>	<b>Aggr</b>
1	B RICE	Heavy Woollen	6	6	0	126	76	1.658
2	W BEDFORD	Leeds	6	6	0	126	77	1.636
3	G HOLMES	Leeds	6	5	1	125	74	1.689
4	D TEALE	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	121	86	1.407
5	J FROST	Rochdale	6	5	1	114	83	1.373
6	N DOBSON	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	120	88	1.364
7	J WINTERBURN	Leeds	6	5	1	119	89	1.337
8	M HYDE	Heavy Woollen	6	5	1	125	95	1.316
9	J BOWES	Leeds	6	5	1	115	97	1.186
10	E GILL	Ormskirk	6	4	2	108	101	1.069
11	M ARMITAGE	Leeds	3	3	0	63	36	1.750
12	J BUSHELL	Cheshire County	3	3	0	63	48	1.313
13	M HILL	Leeds	5	3	2	96	81	1.185
14	C FERGUS	Rochdale	6	3	3	108	99	1.091
15	F WRIGHT	Ormskirk	6	3	3	115	106	1.085
16	J GREEN	Heavy Woollen	4	3	1	71	68	1.044
17	J WRIGHT	Cheshire County	6	3	3	92	107	0.860
18	S BROWN	Heavy Woollen	3	2	1	59	36	1.639
19	LUCY MURPHY	Rochdale	3	2	1	60	49	1.224
20	L COOPER	Leeds	3	2	1	58	49	1.184
21	C FENNELL	Heavy Woollen	5	2	3	84	82	1.024
22	C BUCKLEY	Rochdale	6	2	4	109	109	1.000
23	L SINNOTT	Ormskirk	6	2	4	93	107	0.869
24	J DOLAN	Rochdale	6	2	4	94	114	0.825
25	H WRIGHT	Ormskirk	6	2	4	95	116	0.819
26	B FALKINGHAM	Leeds	2	1	1	38	36	1.056
27	M GREENWOOD	Ormskirk	3	1	2	55	54	1.019
28	S BERESFORD	Heavy Woollen	3	1	2	53	53	1.000
29	O FISHWICK	Ormskirk	3	1	2	50	50	1.000
30	R WALTERS	Ormskirk	3	1	2	57	59	0.966
31	A RUSHTON	Rochdale	3	1	2	49	53	0.925
32	LUCAS MURPHY	Rochdale	3	1	2	48	52	0.923
33	T PROSSER	Rochdale	3	1	2	50	60	0.833
34	J CATTON	Ormskirk	6	1	5	84	120	0.700
35	S WAINWRIGHT	Leeds	3	0	3	50	63	0.794
36	J WALKER	Leeds	3	0	3	46	63	0.730
37	T JOHNSON (S)	Leeds	5	0	5	66	105	0.629
38	R MILLS	Cheshire County	5	0	5	55	105	0.524
39	T HAULEY	Ormskirk	3	0	3	24	63	0.381