

OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 6

MEETING: RECREATION COMMITTEE
DATE: 8TH JULY 2026
REPORT BY: TOWN CLERK, FINANCE MANAGER, GOLF ADMINISTRATOR, GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR AND HEAD OF LEISURE AND EVENTS

1.0 Golf Complex Income – Four Year Comparison

1.1 Golf Course Green Fees

Week Ending	2026/27	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	Variance	Course Restrictions
24/05/26	£3,855.00	£2,314.00	£2,017.00	£2,893.00	£1,541.00	No restrictions.
31/05/26	£5,137.00	£3,379.00	£3,692.00	£3,281.00	£1,758.00	No restrictions.
07/06/26	£2,470.00	£3,253.00	£3,143.00	£3,688.00	-£783.00	No restrictions.
14/06/26	£3,365.00	£3,472.00	£2,417.00	£3,147.00	-£107.00	No restrictions.
21/06/26	£3,901.00	£2,990.00	£2,752.00	£3,305.00	£911.00	No restrictions.
28/06/26	£3,364.00	£3,196.00	£2,970.00	£3,188.00	£168.00	Course closed for 5 hours on 26/6 due to thunderstorms.
Totals	£22,092.00	£18,604.00	£16,991.00	£19,502.00	£3,488.00	

1.2 Driving Range Fees

Week Ending	2026/27	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24	Variance	Range Restrictions
24/05/26	£2,097.75	£2,306.50	£1,817.00	£1,540.00	-£208.75	Closed for 5 hours on 24/6 due to ball machine breakdown.
31/05/26	£2,505.75	£2,550.75	£2,553.25	£1,838.00	-£45.00	No restrictions.
07/06/26	£2,484.00	£2,187.25	£2,072.75	£1,681.00	£296.75	No restrictions.
14/06/26	£2,540.25	£2,206.25	£2,431.00	£1,581.00	£334.00	No restrictions.
21/06/26	£1,874.25	£2,212.50	£1,499.25	£1,865.50	-£338.25	No restrictions.
28/06/26	£2,058.75	£2,345.25	£2,030.00	£1,920.00	-£286.50	No restrictions.
Totals	£13,560.75	£13,808.50	£12,403.25	£10,425.50	-£247.75	

1.3 Golf green fee income is up by £3,488 or 19% on last year.

1.4 Driving range income is down by £247.75 or 2% on last year.

2.0 Four Year Comparison Figures on Membership Numbers

2.1 The following table shows golf membership numbers and income as a four-year comparison. All figures are for the period to the 28th June in each year:

Year	Members	Income £
2026/27	335	£110,142
2025/26	310	£97,703
2024/25	177	£58,133
2023/24	177	£59,481

Membership numbers are up by 25 on the corresponding period last year.

2.2 Breakdown of Membership

Male Members	317
Female Members	18
Adult Members	130
Senior Members	135
Junior Members	70

3.0 Golf Shop Stocks

3.1 Income and Expenditure Outturn – 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Stock Category	Income from Sales £	Purchase Costs £	Less Closing Stock £	Cost of Sales £	Profit £	Profit on Sales %
Drinks and Snacks	£14,040.76	£8,016.09	(£814.41)	£7,201.68	£6,839.08	49%
Golf Sundries	£78,371.24	£93,698.98	(£38,927.10)	£54,771.88	£23,599.36	30%

* All figures excluding VAT.

Note:- profit margins are usually around 45% on drinks and snacks and 30% on golf sundries

4.0 Golf Administrator's Report

- 4.1 Green fee income increased on last year. This was mainly due to the warmer and drier weather throughout the period.
- 4.2 Driving range income showed a small decrease on last year. This was due to lost income from the ball machine breaking down and the heat wave making the range exceptionally hot.
- 4.3 The Golf Shop team are continuing to receive positive comments praising the current course standards.
- 4.4 As discussed at the last meeting, the Golf Administrator and Corporate Management Team are continually reviewing membership numbers against the number of available tee slots for green fees. No restrictions on membership numbers are required at the current time but this will be kept under review.
- 4.5 The range ball picker staff member has been trained and is providing support on the golf course until the Works Section can recruit staff to the current vacancies.

4.6 A get together was organised by the Golf Club for all lady members. This was well attended and the next stage will be to organise a ladies golf afternoon with drinks and food in the complex after the golf has been played.

4.7 A Taylormade fitting day has been organised for 13th July.

5.0 Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator Update on Golf Course Works and Improvements

Routine Work Undertaken

5.1 A summary of some of the works and improvements undertaken on the golf course since the last Recreation Committee Meeting are highlighted below:-

- Regular course maintenance carried out, including bunker raking, moving tee markers, cutting greens, cutting fairways, cutting tees, cutting rough, and changing holes.
- Greens have been verti-cut, top dressed, overseeded and fertilised.
- Localised treatment with wetting agent on greens due to dry patch/drought stress.
- Selective herbicide applied to greens and fairways.
- Herbicide applied around trees, course furniture and ditch lines.
- Bunker renovation on 2nd, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 16th and 18th holes.
- Bunker on the 8th green filled in and landscaped.
- Repairs to rabbit damage completed on the side of the 14th green.
- Rotten sleepers removed from 4th tee and landscaped.
- GUR and blue stakes installed on 12th hole, alongside the burn.
- Internal out of bounds installed on 12th hole, alongside the burn.
- Ditches on 1st and 15th holes cleared of vegetation.

5.2 Damage on the greens continues to be an issue for the greenkeeping staff who are regularly repairing divots on the greens.

6.0 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

6.1 Is any personal or sensitive data required for this proposal which may have any implications for GDPR? NO

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Members:

- i) Receive the update report.

Town Clerk, Finance Manager, Head of Leisure and Events, Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator and Golf Administrator