Charity Teambowl – Littleport Leisure Centre, Sunday 4 October 2026

The Six Counties Teambowl returned to Littleport Leisure Centre, with Suffolk hosting teams from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Norfolk. Hertfordshire arrived as the 2025 winners and looking to produce another strong performance across the singles, pairs and triples disciplines.

Hertfordshire Team

Discipline	H1	H2	H3	H4
Singles	Thomas Ellis	Pete Cook	Jack Smalley	Lisa Edmead
Pairs	Dave Smith Craig Hearn	Dan Watkins Simon Missing	Steve Lee Stuart McNeil	Andy Cobbold David Danby
Triples	Nyall Watkins Amy Missing Matt Thurley	Jo Warren Emma Thurley Bec Hearn	Lauryn Walker Gary Young Jason Ellis	Carole Drury Marilyn Cook James Warren

Session 1 – Bedfordshire

Hertfordshire opened the defence of the title against Bedfordshire.

Singles

Three wins from four gave the singles an excellent opening return. Thomas Ellis came through a close game to win 6–5, while Pete Cook was always in control of a 10–3 victory. Lisa Edmead also started strongly, winning 9–3. Jack Smalley was the only player to miss out, losing 5–8 to the defector Neil Tuckey. The singles collected six points from the opening session which was a positive start.

Pairs

A very good opening return from the pairs, who won three of their four games. H1 made an assured start with a convincing 13–5 victory, while H3 were also in control as they secured a 6–2 win. H4 completed the three successes with an 11–6 victory. H2 were the only pair to miss out, going down 3–8, but the three wins added six valuable points to Hertfordshire's opening-session total.

Triples

The triples also made a positive contribution. H1 dominated their game and eased to a 12–1 victory. H2 were beaten 4–7, while H3 were involved in a closely fought contest that finished 6–6. H4 produced the most emphatic result of the discipline, keeping their opponents scoreless in an excellent 9–0 win. Two victories and a draw gave the triples five points.

Across the three disciplines Hertfordshire scored 94 shots to Bedfordshire's 54, producing an emphatic opening-session return.

Session score: Hertfordshire 17 points – Bedfordshire 7 points
Running total: 17 points

Session 2 – Essex

Essex were the opponents in the second session and Hertfordshire would be looking to carry their early momentum forward against a strong Essex team who had beaten Suffolk in the first session.

Singles

Once again, the singles secured three wins from four. Thomas Ellis produced a comfortable 8–2 victory, Pete Cook edged a much tighter contest 5–4 and Lisa Edmead recorded another convincing success, winning 9–2. Jack Smalley was beaten 4–8. Six more points added to the overall team total against strong opposition.

Pairs

The pairs experienced a mixed second session, winning two games and losing two. H1 were involved in a very close contest but lost 4–5, while H2 were beaten 4–8. H3 responded with a solid 8–4 victory and H4 produced the strongest pairs result of the session, winning 12–3. Those two successes added four points.

Triples

The triples provided three victories from four games. H1 opened with a closely fought 7–5 win. H2 remained in contention but were beaten 5–7, before H3 secured a 7–4 victory. H4 then delivered the standout result, recording an emphatic 14–4 success. The three wins contributed six points and completed another strong session against an Essex side that had beaten Suffolk in the opening round.

Hertfordshire outscored Essex 87–56 across the session and moved on to 33 points after two rounds.

Session score: Hertfordshire 16 points – Essex 8 points
Running total: 33 points

Session 3 – Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire provided the opposition in session three, where Hertfordshire produced their best points return of the day.

Singles

The singles maintained their excellent form with another six-point return. Thomas Ellis won 10–3, Pete Cook battled through a closer game to win 9–6 and Lisa Edmead secured an 8–4 victory. Jack Smalley narrowly missed out in a 4–5 defeat.

Pairs

The pairs were outstanding against Cambridgeshire and completed a clean sweep. H1 established the advantage with a 9–5 victory, H2 followed with a 6–3 win and H3 maintained the momentum with a convincing 10–4 success. H4 completed the perfect set of results by winning 8–4. Four victories delivered the maximum eight points and played a major part in Hertfordshire's best session of the day.

Triples

The triples backed up the pairs with three victories. H1 produced a dominant 12–2 performance and H2 followed suit with an emphatic 11–1 win. H3 had a closer contest but held on to win 4–3. H4 were unable to complete a second clean sweep, losing 4–11, but six more points ensured a highly successful end to the session.

The resulting 20-point haul, together with a 95–51 shots advantage, lifted Hertfordshire to 53 points after three sessions.

Session score: Hertfordshire 20 points – Cambridgeshire 4 points
Running total: 53 points

Session 4 – Suffolk

The fourth session brought a meeting with hosts Suffolk and proved to be Hertfordshire's toughest test of the day.

Singles

Pete Cook maintained his unbeaten record with a hard-fought 8–7 win, while Thomas Ellis earned a point from a 5–5 draw. Jack Smalley lost 2–7 and Lisa Edmead was narrowly beaten 6–7. Our first lost mini session of the day as Suffolk took it 5-3.

Pairs

The pairs continued their excellent form against Suffolk, winning three of the four games. H1 were edged out 5–6 in the closest contest. H2 produced a convincing 11–4 victory, H3 were dominant in a 12–1 success and H4 added a solid 7–4 win. The resulting six points were particularly important in a session that remained closely balanced overall.

Triples

The triples split their four games against Suffolk. H1 secured a controlled 6–3 victory, while H2 were beaten 1–11. H3 came through a competitive game to win 7–5, but H4 narrowly missed out in a 7–8 defeat. The two victories added four points and helped Hertfordshire edge the session overall.

Suffolk edged the overall shots 77–68, but Hertfordshire's six wins and one draw were enough to take the session 13–11 and move the running total to 66 points.

Session score: Hertfordshire 13 points – Suffolk 11 points
Running total: 66 points

Session 5 – Norfolk

Norfolk were Hertfordshire's final opponents of the day. Holding a 7 point lead against Norfolk, 18 points would be enough to ensure we retained our title.

Singles

The singles collected six points for the fourth time in five sessions. Pete Cook completed a perfect day with a 9–3 victory, Jack Smalley finished strongly with an emphatic 13–1 win and Lisa Edmead added a 9–6 success. Thomas Ellis was beaten 3–8.

Pairs

The pairs finished the day in style by completing their second clean sweep of the event. H1 won 10–2, H2 recorded a convincing 11–4 victory and H3 came through a closer contest 7–6. H4 completed the maximum return with a 9–4 success. The four wins secured eight points and took the pairs to an outstanding 32 points for the day.

Triples

The triples closed the day with one win, one draw and two narrow defeats. H1 were involved in an evenly matched contest that finished 8–8, earning a deserved point. H2 lost 4–8, before H3 produced the discipline's victory with a strong 8–3 performance. H4

came very close to adding another point but were edged out 7–8. The three points gained helped Hertfordshire complete a convincing final-session win.

A further 17 points and a 98–61 shots return completed an impressive finish and took Hertfordshire's final total to 83 points.

Session score: Hertfordshire 17 points – Norfolk 7 points
Final total: 83 points

Overall Performance

Hertfordshire finished with 83 points from 60 matches, recording 40 wins, three draws and 17 defeats. The county scored 451 shots and conceded 290, giving an overall shots difference of plus 161. The pairs led the way with 32 points, followed by the singles with 27 and the triples with 24. That total secured first place, seven points clear of hosts Suffolk, and meant Hertfordshire successfully retained the title won in 2025.

Discipline	Shots For	Shots Against	Points
Singles	142	97	27
Pairs	166	88	32
Triples	143	105	24
Total	**451**	**290**	**83**

Hertfordshire Team-by-Team Performance

Team	Shots For	Shots Against	Points
Singles H1 – Thomas Ellis	32	23	7
Singles H2 – Pete Cook	41	23	10
Singles H3 – Jack Smalley	28	29	2
Singles H4 – Lisa Edmead	41	22	8
Pairs H1 – Dave Smith & Craig Hearn	41	23	6
Pairs H2 – Dan Watkins & Simon Missing	35	27	6
Pairs H3 – Steve Lee & Stuart McNeil	43	17	10
Pairs H4 – Andy Cobbold & David Danby	47	21	10
Triples H1 – Nyall Watkins, Amy Missing & Matt Thurley	45	19	9

Triples H2 – Jo Warren, Emma Thurley & Bec Hearn	25	34	2
Triples H3 – Lauryn Walker, Gary Young & Jason Ellis	32	21	9
Triples H4 – Carole Drury, Marilyn Cook & James Warren	41	31	4
Total	**451**	**290**	**83**

Final Standings

Position	County	Points	Shots For	Shots Against
1	Hertfordshire	83	451	290
2	Suffolk	76	415	323
3	Essex	66	393	320
4	Norfolk	52	348	396
5	Cambridgeshire	44	308	392
6	Bedfordshire	39	274	468

There were standout unbeaten performances from Pete Cook in Singles H2 and from the H3 (Steve Lee & Stuart McNeil) and H4 (Andy Cobbold & David Danby) pairs, all of whom won each of their five matches. The H1 (Nyall Watkins, Amy Missing & Matt Thurley) triple also enjoyed an excellent day, collecting nine points. A special mention for Nyall who was making his county debut.