



**Broadwas Sports Association  
Stoney Ley  
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Broadwas Sports Association was formed 28 years ago and is based at Broadwas Cricket Ground, Stoney Ley. Today the BSA incorporates Broadwas Croquet Club and Lawn Bowls.

Cricket was played regularly for many years on Saturdays, latterly the ground was used by Worcester Nomads who vacated in 2017.

The Croquet club was formed more than 20 years ago initially with one lawn and 10 members.

As a sport croquet is played in numerous countries around the world and has World individual and team tournaments. It has featured in the Commonwealth Games and once at the Olympics. It is a game of skill and technique and can be played at all ages as height, strength, youth, fitness are not the attributes that are most important. Men and women play as equals also.

Today we have 5 full size lawns (35yds x 28yds) and a membership of 70 playing members with 10 bowling members. This makes us the largest club within the area north of Cheltenham, west of Nottingham and south of Manchester.

To keep membership fees at an acceptable level for all, we undertake much of the upkeep of the ground and weekly lawn cutting by our members.

BCC pays an annual fee to Croquet England, the national body, enabling us to play in regional leagues and National competitions.

We have qualified coaches, referees and handicappers which is a requirement when playing in CE competitions.

The year 2023 has been very successful for the Croquet Club.

At club level we have good attendance on Fridays for social play and introduction to potential new members. We enter teams in South-West and Midland leagues winning the West Midlands Team trophy and getting to the semi-final of the National Secretary Shield competition.

We host return games and National competitions for different levels of play bringing visitors to Broadwas.

Individual members have achieved at national levels in several events and the club won back-to-back national titles in the Murphy Shield national knock-out competition.

We have two members playing for counties outside Worcestershire.

BCC have entered a team of four players for the European Championships with the first round being held at Telc in the Czech Republic against Spanish, German and the local team with the Final in Madrid in October.

With assistance from Lower Broadheath PC, Broadwas PC and Malvern Hills District Council we have been able to purchase and install a defibrillator available for members and locals.

Guidance from the BSA management committee has ensured that the club is run for the benefit of all both socially and competitively with a stable financial condition to cover emergencies. We are registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club by HMRC.

Projects for this year are:

Replacement of the pavilion floor which is suffering from woodworm, not bad after 50 years life - estimated cost £3,500. The work will be undertaken by our members at the end of the playing season.

Replacement of the old Cricket pavilion with a new office area and changing rooms - estimated cost £30k. We will be approaching Sport England for a grant in due course when we can expect to meet their criteria.