







Combe Martin Bowling Club rounded off their 2025 season with an away fixture at **Tiverton West End Bowling Club on Tuesday 16th September**.

The Tiverton green proved to be in commendable condition for the time of year, having withstood the recent deluges admirably. For the most part, it ran true and honest, with a modicum of swing available on the lush covering of grass. While the odd bump was uncovered by well-directed bowls, such idiosyncrasies were nothing beyond the expected quirks of any late-season surface. Pace was average, with only a little extra grunt needed when chasing the longer jacks. Footwear marks around the ditch borders were minimal – full credit to Tiverton's ground staff for their efforts.

On balance, the playing surface earns an A- rating, a respectable score as Autumn draws in.

The weather, too, played its part. One heavy shower had players scurrying for waterproofs, though it soon passed, and the rest of the afternoon brought only the occasional spit of rain. The skies threatened more than they delivered, allowing fair sport to unfold across the five rinks.

Both sides began in lively fashion, with scores trading back and forth before the interval, which was taken after **9 ends** with tea and biscuits well appreciated.

The restart saw Combe Martin hit their stride when 2 of the CMBC rinks put the pedal to the metal after the break and successfully set about hitching up the overall scores to buoy up others that were finding difficulty keeping tabs on their Tiverton counterparts.

Elsewhere, Tiverton's players pressed strongly, ensuring the contest remained competitive to the finish.

As leaves fell gently in the early autumn air, the match concluded with the following rink results:

Rink 1: CMBC 10 – TWE 19

Rink 2: CMBC 12 – TWE 15

• Rink 3: CMBC 22 – TWE 5

• Rink 4: CMBC 12 – TWE 18

Rink 5: CMBC 23 – TWE 10

Final Score: CMBC 79 – TWE 67

A fine away victory for Combe Martin to close the book on a season filled with its share of highs and lows. With this result, spirits are lifted and attention now turns towards 2026, and the fresh sporting challenges it promises to bring.