

Maulden Walking Football Club was formed in June 2021.

To date we now have circa 72 members. The average age of our membership is in their mid 50s. Most members come from Maulden, Ampthill, Flitwick and other surrounding towns and villages.

Our sessions are every Sunday, 6pm to 7pm and Tuesday 8pm to 9pm on the 3G at Flitwick Leisure Centre.

Each summer we go on a seaside-themed away day by coach playing matches and then having a social afterwards. In 2025 we visited Whitstable Town playing them Ramsgate and Margate and in the process helping to raise fund for their local hospice.

We have raised £1,580 for Prostate Cancer with Mick Harford of Luton Town attending an evening held at Maulden Bowls Club. We also had another event at the same venue as part of our Presentation Evening with David Pleat (ex. Luton Town and Tottenham Hotspur) in attendance raising a further £1,000 this time for Motor Neurone Disease. We have held both events with the help of Lucky Hare Books in Ampthill.

For the past three years we have been one of the community partners for the Maulden Community 5K in September.

We have Cerisport on our shirts as a goodwill gesture on our part (no cost to them).

There is no affiliated league in Bedfordshire and our county has few teams. During 2024 and each month (on a Saturday) from February to October we hosted our own 5 team Mini Tournaments at Flitwick Leisure Centre. We do not charge any of these teams to compete, using our own funds and this includes what we have generated from Easyfunding. We have started to get sponsorship for each Mini Tournament at £100 a time. We are doing the same this year. Some teams we have played include: Stamford Strollers, Huntingdon, Leighton Buzzard, Oxford United, Newport Pagnell to name but a few!

We have also made away trips to Rushden & Diamonds, Dunstable Town. Biggleswade, Newport Pagnell.

We also (every 3 months and on a Friday) have our own Members Tournaments between Tuesday and Friday members. Its about offering a lot of value for money and again this is where Easyfunding comes into play.

The club also enjoys the odd social gathering. We also have our annual Christmas Party at Maulden Bowls Club and occasional meet-ups during the year. We hope to have a bowls night at Maulden Bowls Club this year like we did in 2025.

Last year I mentioned of assistance in developing our club further by way of grants, etc. With help from Maulden Parish Council. This is the second year of mentioning with no response to date. We are losing a lot of money through lost footballs, particularly in last 18 months at Flitwick Leisure Centre due to work done at the rear as a result of the new retirement village being built. The balls end up in the overflow/pond and are very difficult to retrieve. This has become more of an issue/cost as we have in the last 6 months purchased a new safety ball specific to Walking Football.

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