



# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

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## HANDICAP ADVISORS REPORT AGM 2020

My role is to support clubs, Handicap Secretaries and our members on the Rules of Golf and CONGU® handicapping system. Much of my role this year has been around the World Handicapping System (WHS) which England are adopting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020. Earlier in the year, before the lockdown due to the COVID-19 virus, I ran some Educational Seminars for clubs around the area and these were very well attended. Unfortunately, the continuation of the education programme where we were to visit clubs was cancelled due to the virus.

In preparation for WHS, I assembled a team of people to contact clubs and ensure that their club records on the Central Database of Handicaps was free of any duplications, error or records that should be deleted. I am indebted to Janet Beal and Sue McKeon for their assistance on this.

There have been additional challenges for switching over to World Handicapping caused by the virus but it will still happen on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Most of our clubs have signed up to the WHS platform giving them access to player's WHS handicap index information.

I am required to conduct a Category 1 Audit every year where I scrutinise the scores returned by the lowest handicapped ladies in our county and report back to England Golf. This year the audit was straight forward with no irregularities.

I have given notice to the Bucks Executive that I will not be continuing in my role past 2021. I am moving out of the area to be closer to my mother who needs my support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my role during the last 10 years and encourage anyone interested in handicapping and who would like to be involved in county golf to seriously consider the role.

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15<sup>TH</sup> October 2020