

## PRESS RELEASE

### DIGNITARIES RUN HOOPS AT BURY CROQUET

Saturday 24th July 2021.

**The Mayor**, Councillor Tim Pickstone, visited Bury Croquet Clubs open day at Whitehead Park, on Saturday 24th July. Also taking the opportunity to run the hoops Bury North MP James Daly, pictured with Church Ward Councillors Jackie Harris and Dene Vernon, and club Chairperson Barbara Young & President David Barrett.

The event run by the club formed part of British Heart Foundation Croquet Week, celebrating 60 years of BHF pioneering research, attracted a large number of visitors, from the area many of whom tried their hand at playing the game. Walshaw resident Glen stated “I have had totally the wrong perception of croquet thinking it was a stuffy upper-class game, it’s actually good fun”.

The event was also supported by a number of other Councillors from neighbouring wards including, Cllr. Jo Lancaster, Radcliffe North. Cllr Yvonne Wright, Tottington. Cllr. Liam Dean, North Manor and Cllr. Jack Rydeheard, Elton who posted on his Facebook page – “Amazing to pop into Bury Croquet Club this afternoon – it was the first time I had played, and I very much enjoyed it. It’s addictive!”.



The club President David Barrett, commented “It has been a wonderful day, and we are delighted with the way it has gone with an excellent attendance, and we hope to have raised a good amount of money for the BHF. We hope many of our visitors will come and try playing this great game again”.

An additional attraction that created a lot of interest was a Model T Ford. In pristine condition, lovingly restored by club member Mac Hardman – when not playing croquet of course!

Cllr. Pickstone, and James Daly MP  
with Mac Hardman and Model T Ford



Bury Croquet Club has in addition to the Whitehead Park venue another facility at Coronation Park, Radcliffe.

**Readers who missed the event are welcome to visit either club for a free taster session, details can be found on the club’s web site: [www.burycroquet.com](http://www.burycroquet.com).**