



When it comes to bowling clubs keeping foxes and badgers off the greens, an electric fence can be a cost effective solution that really works. A bit of planning is essential and getting the installation right is also important. Ashford Middlesex Bowling Club (Ashford Middlesex Bowls Club is in the borough of Spelthorne which is actually in Surrey!), has been running since 1918. The club celebrated its Centenary last year. About 8 years ago, the problem started with foxes coming onto the green, playing and digging. The Vice President and Green Keeper Mick Delaney, who has been a club member for over 20 years and is an ex-president, tried various techniques in an effort at keeping the foxes away. These vain attempts at protecting their hallowed turf even included putting bottles of water on the green. The club were getting worried that this fox problem was never going to go away and their greens were going to be ruined. They decided to contact Countrystore Direct, and the rest they say is history! The club started their electric fencing journey with a 'Premium

fox fence kit', which has 1m plastic electric fencing posts included. But over the last few years they have added to it by replacing the plastic posts with wooden ones to make more gates, and so give better access to the green. This is a 4-line system however many clubs opt for a 6-line system, especially if there is a path around the outside of the green. Earth lines would be required in between the live lines to make sure the fox got a zap! Mick says "The fence has certainly done its job. The sales and after sales at Countrystore Direct are first class and I would highly recommend." We at Countrystore Direct love to help our customers get the right products for their job. Each job is different, and we can work out what you need from a few pictures, diagrams and a conversation!

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