

Louth Golf Club Project for Halfway House Extension.

Over the summer, it became clear that continuing to operate a take-away service for food and drink from the club house is a good idea and well received by our members. When the EGU offered grant funding for projects, the idea to extend the HWH and improve the facility to make it better to serve basic food and drink from, and in addition provide a covered area so it could be used the whole year round was submitted, and successful. The full amount applied for of £8500 was granted.

Then the hard work began, Eddie Dunkin (Member and past captain) took the lead and developed the full plans for the project, ordered the materials, and together with a team of member volunteers and support of local businesses set about building the desired extension.

Picture of Half Way House prior to the extension work



First Part of Project:

To extend the roof of the HWH over the paved area, this area to be used for serving food and drink, also when social distancing relaxed, could provide an area for a couple of tables and chairs. Eddie with his team set about building this, the only cost being on materials, mainly wood, doors, windows, and roofing materials. There was also a cost for the electrical work required, however by using the skills of an electrical firm owned by club members we were only charged for the cost of materials. This part of the project effectively doubled the size of the original HWH.

Second Part of Project:

Initial plan was to install a strong weatherproof gazebo alongside the HWH, for people to use, however Eddie proposed to build one, on a larger scale than was originally proposed and costed, which would blend in with the HWH. I contacted the EGU to see if that was a problem, and assured it was not.

Once again Eddie and his team set off to build the side extension and managed to get a lot of materials supplied at cost, to keep the overall cost down. Main spend was on excavating the ground, hard core, slabs, brickwork, huge amount of wood and roofing materials. All labour was once again voluntary. This was much harder work, particularly the laying of slabs, but the team worked well. The result was a large, covered area the full length of the HWH looking out over the putting green and 10th Tee.

Having started the project in October 2020, there were delays due to Covid restrictions and supply of materials, however the project was completed by the middle of February 2021, other than some tidying up.

The funding of £8500 was gratefully received and allowed the Golf Club to carry out this project, which will prove to be very popular with members and visitors to the club and go a long way to helping the clubs financial position. The club could not have afforded to do this without the funding received by the EGU. The total cost of the project has come to about £9500, so the club has contributed an additional £1000, which it is happy to do.

To help with new tables and chairs for the outside extension, a request for donations was made and the result was another fantastic response from our members. We were able to purchase 5 sets of tables and chairs with their donations, which is great for the club.

The pictures below, show how the HWH has changed from the original picture above:



Louth Golf Club would like to say a Big Thank You EGU, for helping the club gain the benefit of the newly extended HWH, it will be used for many years to come.

Peter Wilson

For and on behalf of Louth Golf Club