



History of Salisbury and South Wilts Golf Club, Netherhampton

It is listed in Kelly's directory of 1923, which states Netherhampton has an 18 hole golf course. Although the history of the beginning of the original golf club was 1888.

The initial suggestion to form a golf club in Salisbury, seems to have come from Bishop Wordsworth's wife, her suggestion came after they had spent a holiday at St. Andrews Golf Club, Scotland

Initially the golf club started at Dogdean Farm, Homington for a rent of £2 in 1888. Apparently golf was much favoured by the clergy during that period. However the land was sold to Tyrwhite Drake, a farmer who hated golf and was worried about the impact on the sheep.

So another site had to be found. The land adjacent to Salisbury race course was given with kind permission of Lord Pembroke, it then became the permanent site for initially a 9 hole golf course. Designed by J. H. Taylor from Winchester, it was opened in 1895 by Lord Pembroke. Lord Pembroke was the President.