

Club Re-opening – Message from Allan Leppard, President 29 March 2021

We have now had further information from Bowls England on the reopening.

We are released from our isolation on Monday 29th March.

We have already cancelled the Mayor for our formal scheduled opening on Saturday 3rd April and this will now take place on Saturday 22nd May.

So, on Saturday 3rd April we will open at 10am socially distanced and play will be on the following basis.

Rinks will need to be booked using the on line booking system which is <https://form.jotform.com/201433994427055>

Rinks will be available for Triples, Pairs or Singles (not Fours as the rule of six cannot be followed).

As these will be informal roll ups, the maximum number of players on the green at any one time is 18, and this will be monitored via the on line booking system.

Face masks are not required on the rinks.

No spectators are allowed except for management and disabled bowlers assistance, supervising under 18's or coaching sessions

On Mondays and Wednesdays at 2pm and Saturday at 2.30pm the green will be used as our organised club periods, for members to turn up without needing to have an identified group of members playing under a rink booking. An organiser will allocate members to rinks on the day - a maximum of 24 members is allowed, to control this you MUST phone Ann on 07793 268892 or email ann@ganew.co.uk to indicate your intention to attend.

The toilets will be open with entry via the main doors and exit by the fire door, sanitisers will be available so please use them on the way in and out.

Changing rooms will NOT be available - you are asked to come dressed for the game with just your shoes to change.

Mats, jacks etc will be in the equipment room as per last year. To follow the guidance, it is suggested that one lead does the mat and the other lead the jack, with the jack length and mat set by the skip of the winner of the preceding end moving the jack with their foot. Mats will be marked lead and skip and should be moved by either as required. Bruise protection mats **MUST BE USED AT ALL TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**, the back edge of the mat is to be placed on the 2 metre line, with the front of the delivery mat just on the back edge of the bruise mat, this is to prevent you catching your toe under the bruise mat when delivering.

Drinks will also be available on an honesty basis in the equipment room.

To conform with track and trace requirements the signing in book will be on the table in the equipment room for you to sign in and out **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT NOT AN**

OPTION. This was not fully adhered to last year and will be monitored by any member present to remind others that this is done, there will be signs on the seats to remind you.

Hand sanitisers will be at the end of each rink for your use, you are asked to sanitise the mat and jack before play starts, also your hands at the entrance gate so PLEASE use them.

From the 12th April changing rooms will be available with some outdoor catering (confirmation is expected week commencing 5th April).

From the 17th May larger groups can gather at the club with some indoor catering (confirmation is expected week commencing 10th May).

21st June all restrictions are to be removed (confirmation is expected week commencing 14th June).

There is still no firm information from the Men's P&D or G&F. The Ladies P&D are to run a friendly league based on the original fixtures dates but with NO promotions or relegations - it is just to give the ladies some competitive bowling.

This is just a summary of the full Bowls England update attached. I would ask you to familiarise yourself with the attached document, if and when there is any further change I will of course update you all.

If you have any questions any member of the GPC will attempt to answer them.

I hope we will have a good season back together with friends new and old, and some decent weather.

Allan