

Message from the Chairman :

I am aware that some members over the past week or two had been expecting something in the way of briefings from the board in respect of the current virus situation. Can I just say that the situation has been a fast moving one and that anything we could have issued would have been out of date by the next day. Moreover, we could only re-iterate that widely available in the news and on websites. The expectation was therefore that individual members would follow that national guidance and act according to their personal circumstances.

In respect of planned events, we initially agreed to review the programme and amend it on a rolling 2 month look-ahead. Accordingly, all events for the remainder of March and all those in April were cancelled. It is clear that all the other events over the following months are also almost certain not to go ahead and your board are now contacting people who have made bookings and progressing these cancellations.

Until this week, it remained possible to maintain the Sunday and Tuesday working parties, but as a result of the lockdown all activities at Balleny Green have had to cease and the site closed down.

Those of you who receive email updates will have seen the briefing issued to members on 23rd March. For those only receiving hard copies I have copied it below for your information.

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can resume our activities – we will let you know when this happens. In the meantime please keep yourselves and your families safe (and make the most of the unplanned time now available to you in your workshop).

Thanks
Peter McMillan (Chairman)
25th March 2020

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Government announcement 20:30hrs 23/03/20.

To all members SCMES.

In view of the recent Government announcement re Corvid 19 Pandemic, the Board of Directors have taken the decision to suspend until further notice, all working parties, maintenance days, steam ups, use of workshop facilities and use of Club House. Members should adhere to this decision, regular security checks will be made during the period of shutdown of the Club facilities. This has not been an easy decision to make, but in view of the unprecedented conditions it is the right thing to do to protect the well being of our valued members. Members are urged to keep in touch with each other, please feel free to email Club Secretary with any concerns. Members will be advised when activities are able to resume at Little Hay.

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