



## Bowls Development Alliance Official Press Release

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### COVID-19 Update

Following the announcement from HM Government regarding the changes to the 'lockdown' the BDA has been reviewing the implementation for our programmes.

### Return to Play

As from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 HM Government revised the guidelines to allow a limited return to play for outdoor clubs.

We strongly advised all outdoor clubs to read the following published documents:

### Bowls England

Supplementary Guidance for Lawn Bowls - <https://www.bowlsengland.com/covid-19-supplementary-guidance-for-lawn-bowls-clubs/>

### Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)

#### Guidance for Providers of Outdoor facilities (*this includes clubs*)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-providers-of-outdoor-facilities-on-the-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation>

#### Guidance for the Public

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation>

#### General Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home>

### Play Bowls Package Funding

The Play Bowls Package Funding remains suspended at present since it is not yet allowed for mass gatherings to take place and as such the holding of open days and follow up sessions is not permitted. Once the advice from HM Government changes on mass gatherings we will review this programme and look to get the programme restarted as soon as possible when it is safe and permissible to do so.



# GET ACTIVE, HAVE FUN, PLAY BOWLS

For complete transparency no further payments will be issued to any club for Play Bowls Package funding.

## Club Development Programme

The Club Development Programme remains open for applications and our Club Development team are still hard at work supporting clubs within the programme the best they can. We are looking at holding virtual meetings with clubs via Zoom calls. This will allow clubs to continue to work on some actions within the agreed action plan. We are also looking at how we can safely meet with one person from the club outside as per the revised guidance if this is something the club would like.

Again, for complete transparency we are still issuing payments to clubs within the Club Development Programme once they have met the agreed milestones within the action plan. However, as with the Play Bowls Package funding at present any club open days pencilled in as part of the action plan can not take place until the advice on mass gatherings changes.

## Women Can

Louise Satherley our Women Can Development Officer is working on plans for the Women Can programme going forward, building on the initial expression of interests from clubs and WI groups. Louise is currently also working on further guidance for clubs on ways to try and get more women into the sport. If you have any ideas, please email [louise@playbowls.org](mailto:louise@playbowls.org)

Louise is also hoping to arrange some meetings via the use of zoom

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01664 777001

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