



# **Bolton Flat Green Bowling Club**

## **BOWLS ENGLAND CLUB OF THE YEAR 2014**

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## **Important Announcement**

I am sure that it will come as no surprise that your Executive has been wrestling with how we should respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have taken note of Government Guidance, decisions by Bowls England and, actions taken by other sports.

We have reached the conclusion that we must suspend all club activities until the guidance from the Government makes it clear that we can return to a more normal life-style.

When this happens, we will draw up a revised programme. We might expect this to be in July / August.

In the meantime, entry fees for Competitions will be returned.

This leads us to question what we must do about subscriptions!

Some members may feel that, since they do not know if, or when, they will get to use the Club facilities, there is no point in joining. We ask that you take a longer view. This is your club; it has developed over the past 40 years by your commitment and that of previous members.

The Club has a significant amount of fixed costs which by their very nature do not vary whether there is any activity or not:

Last year this was as follows:

Alarm System	245.40
Pavilion/Structures Maintenance	298.40
Electricity(EOn)	2,305.16
Insurance	1,089.79
Telephone/broadband	586.69
Lease	1,668.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,193.84</b>

We sincerely hope, therefore, that you will all continue your membership and we have agreed to reduce membership fees for 2020 by 50% i.e. Full Membership will be £50.00 instead of £100.

Of course, if anyone wishes to pay the full membership, we will be very grateful.

The Club has built up significant reserves in order to ensure that we can maintain and, when necessary, replace the green and the pavilion. We plan to allocate some of those reserves to cover any shortfall in income this year.

We are sorry that it has come to this and apologise if you thought that an announcement could / should have been made sooner. We felt that making the right decision was more important than making a quick one!

Stay safe, stay well.

Stephen Hemsley, Club Secretary, on behalf of the Club Executive