



## **PONTELAND BOWLING CLUB**

Founded 1923

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Dear Member

We hope you are well.

I am sure that you are aware that even though we have not been able to bowl the Club is still incurring significant costs both for upkeep of the green and maintenance of the Clubhouse. We do have financial reserves from which can meet some of our costs but without income we will inevitably emerge from the present situation in a weak financial position.

In order to protect and secure the Club's position the General Purposes Committee has decided to apply an amended membership fee for this present year. The Fee seeks to balance the fact that we haven't been able to bowl with the need to ensure that when restrictions are lifted we will still have a strong Club.

A fee of £55 has been agreed for Full Members and you are invited to send your payment to the Club Treasurer by 31 May. We see the £55 as a minimum payment and would welcome and appreciate any additional contribution which members may wish to make. For those who have already sent cheques to the Treasurer would they please contact her to confirm whether they wish their cheque to be returned or wish to let it stand. The previously agreed fees remain the same for Associate (£12) and Social (£10) members and this must also be submitted by 31 May. We would be grateful if anyone who does not intend to pay their fees would inform the Club Treasurer or Club Secretary.

Following the Government's relaxation of the lockdown restrictions Bowls England has issued guidelines for those clubs that may wish to open their greens for play. Your GPC are considering these guidelines and the associated restrictions which need to be put in place. A decision on the way forward for our Club will be made in the coming week and an announcement will be made on the Club website.

Yours Sincerely

Club Secretary