

**MESSAGE FROM ROBBIE MEANY, PRESIDENT OF LEISNTER BOWLING CLUB**

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Dear All

First of all I hope you are all keeping well and managing ok in these difficult times.

You will have seen the email from the LCC President, Declan Martin, about the planned re-opening of the Club over the coming months.

I just want to update you in more detail about the Bowling Committee's meeting this week which came to the difficult conclusion that it would be premature to open the bowling green at this time.

In reaching this decision we took the following issues into account:

- The on-going safety and well-being of our members
- The government's regulations on travel distances (limited to 5km)
- Continuing *cocooning* arrangements for over 70s
- The BLI's advice on procedures for safe play when we are back into a match play situation later in the summer.

Our over-riding concern is the safety of members and while certain things can be managed under very strict conditions it was felt that to risk bowlers' health from possible cross-contamination of bowls, jacks and mats and from social interaction should be avoided until the national COVID picture is clearer.

I am sure some of you will be disappointed with the cautious approach we are taking at this early stage of the re-opening but we hope that it will be to the benefit of all members in the long run.

It was agreed that the Committee would meet again in June to review the situation in advance of Phase 2 of the government's planned re-opening and I will be in touch again then.

I hope that we will all meet on the bowling green before the summer is out and in the meantime take care and stay safe.

Robbie Meany  
President, LBC