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To: Region, Section, DA and Section Area Secretaries

Dear Secretary

Things have changed rapidly since the last communication we sent out on 11 March, particularly following the Government's announcement yesterday, where further guidance was issued around COVID-19.

The Senior Leadership Team have been meeting regularly, and this morning were joined by the Club's Executive Committee via telephone conference call. Please be assured that our focus is on doing the right thing for our members, our employees, and for the Club as a whole.

We have a duty of care to our employees and our members, and we fully support and need to follow the latest government guidance including safeguarding high risk groups and individuals. From the statement released yesterday, everyone in the UK is now being advised to avoid "non-essential" contact with others. People are also being asked to work from home "where they possibly can", and avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and social venues. This principle of social distancing aims to help stop the virus spreading – and we all have our part to play in this.

The Club has been around for over 100 years and we need to make sure we're here for the next 100 years. We need to make sensible decisions, difficult decisions, to protect the Club and our members through these uncertain and unprecedented times.

The Executive Committee took the decision this morning to cancel with immediate effect all Region, District Association, National Section and Section area activity. This includes AGMs, any form of meeting or gathering, and all Meets.

The Executive Committee felt that this was the responsible and right thing to do. Their view was that this supported the government's guidance on distancing and non-essential contact, and importantly protects members and relieves them from responsibilities that they may not currently be comfortable to carry out.

The Executive Committee will contact you when they feel it is appropriate to lift this temporary measure.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and in due course will issue guidance on returning to 'business as usual'. In the meantime, for those Units who have not yet held an AGM (which is the majority), we would appreciate it if the current Committee remain in place.

Please keep safe.

Bob Talbot, Club Chairman

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