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**This Guidance is for English clubs only (at present)**  
**Recommendations to consider before opening your green**

**STAY ALERT – CONTROL THE VIRUS – SAVES LIVES**

Phase 1

- Limited Green Opening, Exercise and Practice (Full Social distancing must be maintained 2 metres distance)
- During Phase 1 only 1 group permitted on the green at a time
- Bowling Greens can re-open, but you should only partake alone, or with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while practising social distancing.
- Club Schedule of Attendance (**names, dates & times must be recorded**) produced to ensure limited attendance should be maintained (record of green availability should be maintained)
- Club to appoint a central contact (To enable track and trace records should this be required)
- Only Club members allowed on a Green
- Ensure that your Insurance cover is up to date, Endsleigh Cover is dependant on membership of BCGBA (club fee £35.00)
- Each Club will have to make their own assessment of the safety in opening your green
- Arrangements should be made to manage the social distancing and all other hygiene procedures
- You will need to ensure you have your landlord's permission to open the green if this applies
- Maintenance schedule will need to be reviewed to ensure green is available for play prior to opening
- Club Buildings and toilets to remain closed, will be reviewed as part of phase 2/3

**Be aware that this guidance could change at any point and could be withdrawn if the risk level increases**

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## **Crown Green Bowls - The Opening of Greens**

### **GUIDANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS:**

- Only use your equipment brought from home (jacks, mats, bowls etc.)
- Sterilize equipment before and after use
- Keep strict social distancing measures in place - you must remain at a safe distance (2 metres) from people outside of your household
- Follow strong hygiene practices at every opportunity - wash your hands when you get home
- You must have permission from your club to use the green
- Your club will have an agreed process for you to agree a time for you to access the green
- Once you have completed your session, please depart as soon as you safely can to enable others to access the green.
- You may only play on green if you are a member of the club

### **DO NOT:**

- Do not enter clubhouse, or any facility which is part of the club (including toilets)
- Do not use club equipment
- Do not organise any competitive bowls.
- Do not turn up at the green without prior agreement from your club

### **THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:**

- Being careful about touching solid surfaces e.g. gates, seating, doors, etc.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home, avoid touching your face and take hand sanitiser with you to use while out if possible

### **NOTE FOR CLUBS:**

- Your Club must have written authority from the landlords of the green that you can gain access to the green under the strict guidelines laid out in this document and then follow all guidelines
- It is the clubs' responsibility to decide if your facility is open.
- Please check that your insurance is valid
- You must have a clear process for knowing who is playing at the green, make this as clear as you can for your club members to understand and abide by.
- Please place a sign in clear view of all visitors of the guidelines set out above.
- Do not use clubhouse and any toilet facilities connected with the Club, ensuring there is clear signage to state this
- Do not use club equipment

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- **Do not organise any competitive bowls - No Competition's, Leagues Matches, or Tournaments**
- **Only Club Members will be allowed on your Green.**

**Green opening plan – Club Risk Assessment - post corona virus (Some points for consideration).**

Date of risk review.....

Compiled by..... Date.....

Reviewed by..... Date.....

**Green opening plan – post corona virus**

<b>Risk (from risk assessment)</b>	<b>Actions to treat risk</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Timetable for implementation</b>	<b>Monitoring of risk</b>
Social distancing	Only partake in such activities alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while practising social distancing	Clubs/ Committee	To Be Agreed	All Players
Equipment	Players should bring their own equipment, bowls, jacks and mat where possible. This should avoid inter group contact. Equipment should be cleaned prior to and after a session.	Clubs/ Committee	To Be Agreed	All Players
Juniors	Under 18's should only play within a household group, maximum 3 people.	Clubs/ Committee	To Be Agreed	
Family Groups	Family groups can play together but should minimise potential contact with any other group on the green. (Single Household)	Clubs/ Committee	To Be Agreed	All Players

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Over 70's	This group have additional risks due to the nature of the virus and additional conditions should be adopted to keep everyone safe. Mixed age groups should be avoided until it is agreed safe to do so.	Clubs/ Committee	To Be Agreed	All Players
Opening of buildings	Risks should be assessed once permission is agreed to open club facilities. Opening of toilets will need to be assessed separately along with facilities for handwashing and cleaning.	Clubs/ Committee	To Be Agreed	Club Committee
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Spectators / Markers	As there is no competition no spectators or markers permitted	Clubs/ Committee	To be agreed	All

**Use additional boxes to record any local issue that may relate you to your green**

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