



COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CLUB MEETINGS

THE CONTEXT: GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS AFTER 19th JULY

There is no limit to the number of people who can meet either indoors or outdoors.

There is no requirement to socially distance.

Face coverings are no longer mandatory but they are “*advised for crowded spaces*”.

Test Track & Trace (TT&T) requirements for certain “contacts” are likely to change after 16th August: currently, all contacts have to self-isolate, but, from this date, fully vaccinated contacts will only be required to take a Covid-19 test.

CLUB COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee will:

- Keep a record of all safety planning in case decisions are questioned in the future.
- Remind all members that they must bring the exact money on club nights (for the entrance charge, raffle etc.)
- Record the names of all attendees at club meetings and collect the contact details of any visitors. This will be undertaken by ONE committee member.
- Ensure that attendance details are passed to the Club Chairman and Secretary in case they are needed for TT&T purposes.
- Advise members about having a rapid lateral flow test before attending a meeting, to check whether they may be unknowingly infected with Covid. (It is still possible to catch Covid even if you have been vaccinated.)
- Tell members who test positive for Covid-19 (by either the rapid lateral flow or PCR test) to stay at home and inform the Club Chairman or Secretary immediately. Whoever is contacted will then inform **all** club members of the incident (but without revealing the person’s name). Any further action will depend on directions from TT&T, but, if this impacts future club meetings, members will be informed as necessary.
- Tell members who are ill or have any Covid-like symptoms to stay at home (whether they have been tested for Covid or not).
- Ensure adequate ventilation for indoor meetings (by opening windows and doors).
- Provide hand-sanitisers in the hall and instruct all meeting attendees to use them. (They can bring their own hand-sanitisers and/or wash their hands as well.)
- Ensure that all surfaces that are subject to contact (e.g., seat’s, tables, kitchen worktops, toilets etc.) have been properly cleaned at the start and end of meetings.

ATTENDEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

All members, guests and visitors are respectfully asked to observe the following:

- Consider taking a **rapid lateral flow test** before coming to a club meeting. This is not mandatory but, if taken, should be done within 48 hours of coming to a meeting. Test kits are freely available via the NHS website or at most pharmacies.
- **Immediately on entry to the church hall and before sitting down**, sanitise your hands and ensure your name/details are recorded by the Committee member who is doing this.
- Bring the **correct** money to meet the entrance charge (£1 for members, £2 for visitors and guests) and the raffle (£1 - but entry is optional).
- Consider wearing a face covering. Whilst not mandatory, it is recommended, except for those people who are exempt. **However**, if visiting presenters or judges ask for face coverings to be worn, you will be informed beforehand and required to wear one (unless you are exempt).
- Stay **at home** if you feel ill or have coughing, cold, flu-like or especially Covid-like symptoms. Even when you feel better, it may be advisable to take a rapid lateral flow test (see above) before returning to the club.
- You **MUST** stay at home if you test positive for Covid. If this is as a result of a rapid lateral flow test, the Government direction is that you should then take a PCR test. As soon as you first get a positive result from either test, and especially if this occurs within two days of attending a club meeting, please inform the Club Chairman or Secretary **immediately**. When you feel better and are out of any period of self-isolation, it may be advisable to take a rapid lateral flow test (see above) before returning to the club.
- If you are contacted by TT&T or by the NHS Covid-19 App, you should follow their directions. If TT&T ask you for further Club contact details, you can give them the name and phone number of the Club Chairman or Secretary (details are in the Syllabus); they can provide TT&T with any further contact details required. If you are also told or advised to self-isolate or take a Covid test, you should do so.