



Victoria Sports & Social Club, 84 High Street, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6AA

Dear members of the VSSC,

First, I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well during these unprecedented times.

I'm writing to update you on the club's current plans. Many of you will be wondering when the club will reopen, or even if it will ever reopen again.

It will. Let me reassure you. Our treasurer informed the committee that we could stay in our current situation for several years if nothing changes. Of course that's not going to happen but it should reassure you that we can ride this storm for a long time, if needed.

As you may know, many bars opened on the 4th July, but the safety measures and extra staff costs have made them financially unstable. Already there have been pubs shutting not just across Surrey but all over the UK, due to the costly measures needed to keep customers and staff safe; not to mention the restrictions in place to ensure that both customers and staff are socially distanced.

The Tandridge infection rate on Friday the 24th July in the highest in Surrey at a rate of 52.2 per 100.000 and the UK daily Covid 19 cases are rising daily up to 749 cases recorded today. This could be an indicator that we are heading for a second wave; already Europe has seen a surge in cases this weekend.

In the light of this information, and other considerations, the committee has agreed to stay closed now to keep our members and staff safe, and remain financially viable. Our biggest concern is that if we take our staff off furlough and start paying our high running cost we could be forced to make redundancies and risk losing all the savings we have worked hard to achieve over the past 10 years. We believe that the Club's longevity is our main priority and cannot risk increased losses and losing the Club forever.

The committee is considering letting some of our regular hall bookings open in September if the current situation remains unchanged .We will be reviewing our bar opening at the next committee meeting in August, and we are reviewing the situation regularly. We are hoping that we can open the bar when the new school term starts in September, but only if we consider it safe for our members and that the trade is going to make the club financially viable.

The committee will notify you when the club is ready to open and look forward to welcoming you all back.

The VSSC are looking for new members to join our committee and volunteers, especially when we do open. This could really help cut some of our staff costs. If you think you could help or would like to join our committee please contact me via letter or email to kelove@hotmail.co.uk.

It would help the VSSC and our membership Secretary if we could email our members with updates, if you have an email address please send a message to mfs@albert-ross.co.uk so he can attach it to your membership records.

I attach a copy of our 2019 accounts which would normally be available at our AGM in March that was cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Stay Safe

Kindest Regards

Kellie Love

Chairman VSSC