



COVID-19 Club / Green Maintenance – Considerations

Bowls Scotland continue to receive questions and queries from clubs on essential maintenance. We have compiled a list of considerations for greenkeepers and maintenance workers. As always, any work that club volunteers and contractors are carrying out should be done in line with the most up to date government information <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Information for individuals on health implications and at-risk groups can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Social Distancing & Essential Maintenance Considerations:

- Only essential work should be carried out – see guidance from Sports Turf Services on essential green work. <https://www.sportsturfservices.com/coronavirus-advisory/>
- Volunteers carrying out this work should not be part of any at-risk group and should not be forced to carry out this work.
- Only a maximum of two people should be in attendance and should comply with social distancing:
 - Indoors and outdoors, a two-metre distance should be observed. This should include when working and at any breaks.
 - Clubs may only have one designated greenkeeper, but consideration should be given to another member to be in attendance in a purely health and safety capacity.
 - Avoid the sharing of machinery and use appropriate safety equipment.
 - All machinery to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as required.
 - Enforce heightened personal hygiene measures whilst at the club
- If only one volunteer is carrying out this work, ensure that another club member is aware of the time that they have arrived at the club and the expected finishing time.
- Explore the possibility of a phone call for the checking in and out to ensure the person has completed the work and returned home safely.
- If clubs are utilising a rota for the greenkeeping or accompanying member, ensure that committee members are aware of the rota and have relevant phone numbers logged. (If a rota is in place, equipment must be cleaned after every use. Consider door handles and any surfaces that have been touched).

Essential Green Maintenance

For any clubs looking for green maintenance assistance, Sports Turf Services are offering free consultations and information to all Bowls Scotland's members clubs – even if your green is not currently served by STS.

Sports Turf Services contact details:

Kenny Archibald: kenny@sportsturfservices.com or 07519 121972

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A reminder that all greens should remain shut and closed for play as per Scottish Government advice and guidelines.