

Statement from Dunblane Bowling Club Committee, 27 May 2020

To Dunblane Bowling Club Members

Following the Scottish Government's relaxing of lockdown restrictions which would permit some recreational activities to take place, Bowls Scotland issued advice to clubs as to how this relaxation could be implemented.

It is the committee's opinion that the requirements and procedures which would need to be implemented to follow Bowls Scotland's advice make it impossible at this stage for the green to re-open. These procedures include limited access to the locker room, no toilet provision, and a strict regime of disinfecting equipment such as mats. The advice additionally raises concerns about players 70 years and over playing, as well as those with underlying health conditions. Anticipating that there may be further stages of relaxing the current restrictions, we will in the meantime undertake a risk assessment (also part of Bowls Scotland's advice) so that we will be in a strong position to quickly reopen the green should circumstances permit later in the summer.

Other clubs in the district have taken the same decision as we have.

You can read a Q&A version of Bowls Scotland advice at www.bowlsscotland.com/news/return-to-bowls-faqs-phase-one