



## Message from the Chairperson:

As we move into February, it looks very much that the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer with the roll out of the vaccination at great speed and the need to get everyone back to a near normal life as possible, lets all hope and pray that we will be able to return to some formats of bowls very soon.

We all totally understand how lonely times can be at the moment and we will be holding a number of different virtual catch-up events over the next few months. We will keep you updated on the web site and social media of the dates and I would like to thank Mo & Lee for putting these together. The rest of the committees are busy working hard to make sure we are ready as soon as we get that Safe Green Light. Finally, we would also like to wish those suffering with Covid-19, physical or mental problems a full and speedy recovery. We know that isolation and loneliness can make life tough, but "Together we are Stronger" and there is always someone from Disability Bowls England at the end of a phone to chat.

Steve Watson



The [Supporting Inclusion - Including Disabled People In Bowls](#) module which supports club volunteers, coaches or committee members to be more inclusive is now online.

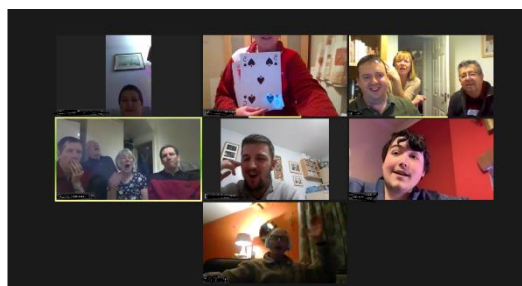
The next modules will take place on;

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30pm – 2.30pm (Afternoon)  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm – 7.30pm (Evening)

To book a place or for more information, please visit <http://www.coachbowls.org/course-bookings> or contact

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## Virtual Get Togethers

Following the success of the Virtual Get Togethers more dates/activities will be announced by email soon.

If you would like to arrange a Virtual Get Together and/or have a Virtual Get Together idea then please send these to Lee Smith – [lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)

If you need help getting onto Zoom, please get in touch and we will try our very best to help.

## REMINDER!

Don't forget to take part in Maggy's Round Britain Road Trip. An anagram road trip quiz!

This has been sent out to all members by email.

## Fixtures/Events/Competitions

Upcoming events continue to be disrupted by the ongoing Pandemic. All events have now been postponed until at least the end of March 2021.

The website will continue to be updated with all the latest information.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Bowls England Open Days Weekend**  
**28/05/2021 – 31/05/2021**

## Members Survey

If you haven't completed the Membership Survey please do so by the 25th February 2021 so we have an updated list of all members, if we don't receive your completed forms by then we will remove your details from our active database.

You can complete the survey online here - [www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/bowlers/dbe-members-survey-2020/](http://www.disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk/bowlers/dbe-members-survey-2020/)

## Daniel Adams Walking Challenge

With the announcement of another Lockdown and no planned return to Bowls Daniel is planning to walk 10km (6.124 miles to be exact) in and around his hometown of Harlow every Saturday and Sunday. He started on Saturday 16th January and will finishing on Sunday 28th March. That is a total of 22 days, Daniel will walk a total of 134.728 miles.



Daniel will very kindly be raising money for Disability Bowls England during his challenge.

To sponsor Daniel please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DanielAdamsWalkingChallenge>

From everyone at DBE, Good Luck Daniel!

## Calling All DBE Members & Supporters

Daniel took inspiration from the story of Sir Captain Tom Moore at 100 years old walking around his garden 100 times.

We have taken inspiration from Daniel! We would like to challenge DBE Members & Supporters to a Walking Challenge of our own. Let's step into 2021 by collectively walking 2021 (or more!) miles between now and 28th March 2021.

You can walk as much or as little as you can. Please pledge the number of miles you are willing to walk and we will track the total.

You can do this just for fun or to raise money for DBE.

To get involved email Lee Smith – [lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk)



## Santa's Helper!

VI Director & DBE Ambassador Richard Ball dressed as Santa as part of a fund raiser his "Ride & Bikes" group were doing outside a supermarket at Christmas.

Between August and December, the group had raised £2000.00 for Dementia UK.

Well done to Richard and everyone else involved!

## Calling All DBE Buddies. DBE needs you.

We are looking for at least 5 DBE Buddies to raise money for DBE by entering the 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon, Bowls is a Sport for All and all funds raised will enable our charity to continue our vital work.

For more information or to get involved please visit the website.



## Staying Active During Lockdown

Sarah Marshall, blind bowler was still playing outdoors through the winter (until the lockdown imposed!) with her husband on an artificial green. Determined to carry on despite the cold and wind. The warm hat helps!

If you are Staying Active during Lockdown let Lee Smith – [lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk](mailto:lee.smith@disabilitybowlsengland.org.uk) know how to be included in a future newsletter.



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