

27th March 2020

Letter from Club President regarding Subscriptions

Dear Members,

Following on from my recent 'holding' note the Management Committee (MC), with Alex's assistance has reached a consensus on how to proceed. This is after much reflection and a long conference call. The MC's objective is to ensure the club's survival through these extraordinary times whilst acknowledging that for an extended period, members will be unable to use the facilities for which they have paid.

The plan was originally devised by Gordon Mitchell, Finance Director, with further input from the MC. In essence we propose to offer a credit note against subscription renewal payments, which will be requested as normal at the end of June. All categories of membership will be treated in the same way. The Direct Debit (DD) runs will continue as normal.

The credit offered will be 25% of the relevant membership category subscription for 2019-20 representing the period of April, May and June closure: unless by any chance we open before then, which we all feel is most unlikely. The subscription rate, for those who renew on time, will be remain the same as last year. No increase.

It is contrary to club policy to offer cash refunds on subscriptions. If, however, this pandemic has caused you exceptional financial hardship, please email Alex Kemp (manager@bourneclub.co.uk) and each case will be treated individually.

We are hoping that members will wish to support the club that has granted so much health and happiness (and moderate intoxication!) over the years. We are not a commercial organisation and rely on the goodwill of members.

You can save the club from being killed by Corona by:

- For the annual payers: **Renewing in June**
- For the monthly DD payers: **Maintaining the payment**
- For both: **considering waiving the credit when offered**

I know this is a big ask. I am asking you to remain members of a club that is closed. However, without your support the club will not survive the Pandemic. A few months at most.

I really don't want the club to perish, so am putting my all into this. The rest of the MC are also.

So, please, if you have queries of a governance nature then email me president@bourneclub.co.uk. I have lots of time now that I am under house arrest! Though I am being called back into work a little. For matters of a more operational nature it is Alex Kemp, Club Manager.

Keep safe in these extraordinary times,

Jane

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