



BIDEFORD GARDENER'S CLUB

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Dear Members

For those who do not have internet access and have not been in attendance at the last meeting in March we are issuing this second newsletter related to COVID-19 Coronavirus.

SUSPENSION OF MEETINGS TRIPS AND EVENTS

We had hoped to restart in September with social distancing and additional safeguard measures, however having been in contact with Bideford Methodist Church regarding what measures would be required we find they have problems with their insurers insisting that between each use, they clean through the premises to prevent spread of any potential Covid-19 virus. With the age and abilities of their members who do the caretaking on a voluntary basis this is impractical and is not something they can entertain to employ cleaners for this purpose.

In view of this and Government Guidelines and Restrictions, plus consideration of the general age level of our members we have decided to further suspend all meetings, trips and events at least until the end of the year when we hope things will improve. We are asking our speakers scheduled for meetings affected by this suspension to reschedule for the same month next year or to select an alternative date.

Our Annual Flower Show on 9th August 2020 has now been cancelled in common with all such events. Date for next year is 8th August 2021.

For more up to date information on the situation we would ask you to try and obtain access to the internet and our website www.bidefordgardenersclub.co.uk or ask friends or relatives to look at this for you. Failing that I'll be able to be contacted on the phone numbers above 01237 475914 or mobile 07710 454230. Apologies for the continued disruption to our scheduled programme but we must make sure everyone is safe and well and are governed also by the Methodist Church.

In the meantime enjoy your gardens and greenhouses and we look forward to being able to meet up again.

Regards

Mike Avis