

The Bladen Social Club

Activities in 2020 and plans for 2021

The Bladen Social club being licensed premises falls into that government defined Covid-19 category “Hospitality” and has therefore been required to cease trading for most of the last 12 months. The club was in fact only able to open on just 17 occasions in 2020 due to Covid lockdown periods and Covid safe regulations.

The up side of being in the “Hospitality” sector is that the social club has received government financial support via Dorset Council. This has meant that the club’s fixed costs such as utility bills, maintenance, insurance premiums, and the loss of unsaleable out of date bar stock have been covered.

This financial support sees the club in a position to be able to reopen for business when government regulations permit, which the club anticipates will be the latter part of May 2021.

Hopefully this year will see some return to being able to trade without further closures and thereby being able to plan for social events such as pie and pint nights, quizzes, darts and pool competitions, league skittles, short mat bowls and more. There may even be an ad hoc Horticultural show in July arranged once government regulations for the summer become known.

The Bladen Social Club committee April 2021