



Dear Club Member,

As you are probably aware the government declared that, as of October 17th, residents of Essex councils should be subject to COVID 19 Tier 2 "High" restrictions. This means that the "Group of Six" indoors alleviation is no longer applicable and organised badminton club group activity is not permitted. The government has stated that " If you live in a high alert area you also cannot meet indoors with people outside your area" and, by extension, that includes indoor sports activity. Badminton England have confirmed: "We currently advise that adult players living in Tier 2 areas should not travel to Tier 1 areas for club nights and other organised activity."

Given the number of club and committee members who are impacted by this ruling, and the increasing uncertainty as to the possibility of further restrictions, it has been decided by the committee that it will not be viable or practical to recommence club nights before the end of the year. All those who have already paid their subscription will be reimbursed - please contact the Club Treasurer by e-mail, using [Fiona.forth@ntlworld.com](mailto:Fiona.forth@ntlworld.com), with your bank details and this will be actioned as soon as possible.

This is clearly a disappointment and the committee will continue to monitor government and Badminton England rules and guidance in the hope that, at some point early in the new year, we can safely recommence club nights for all our members who wish to attend, whilst also guaranteeing future membership for those who choose not to play while the current crisis continues. We will keep you informed accordingly.

We thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay safe.

Best wishes,  
The BSBC Committee.