

Barnard Castle Lawn Tennis Club

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Covid-19 and Update on Court Resurfacing Progress

Dear Members,

How frustrating that now the weather is perfect for tennis, we are all confined to our homes in a bid to restrict the spread of Covid-19. Let's hope we can all do our bit and speed up the recovery.

The preparation work for the resurfacing has been progressing well despite the Corona Virus restrictions. Kenneth Lillico is self-employed and has been able to carry on working in self isolation on our courts, sometimes with his son. The Bowes Museum have been very co-operative in allowing Kenneth access to the courts and he has almost completed replacing the kerbs around the courts. He is awaiting delivery of 20 new kerbstones to replace those damaged or broken.

Yesterday work on the water pipes in the grounds meant he had no water to make concrete so he has stopped work at the moment. His plan was to carry on next week but he will follow government guidelines which look as though they may restrict travel. We are liaising and work will continue as and when possible.

When work recommences, there will be another week of preparing the old surface and then the laying of the new surface. This would involve working closely with others so cannot take place while restrictions are in place. Following this the macadam has to cure for 3 weeks before the courts can be painted and lined, ready for play.

Obviously work depends on the progression of the Covid-19 virus, so we can no longer give an estimation of when the courts will be completed and re-open.

We will keep you informed of progress once restrictions are lifted and work recommences.

In the meantime, wishing you good health and stay safe!

Tennis Club Committee