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Hello HMR Circle Member

**RE: Coronavirus-Covid 19**

As I am sure everyone is aware there is a growing concern around Coronavirus-Covid 19.

At HMR Circle we take the health and wellbeing of our Members very seriously and it guides every decision we make.

With this in mind, and following all the latest advice from the Governments Chief Medical and Scientific Officers, as well as local government, we have decided to suspend HMR Circle Social Activities from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, and no longer take bookings for remaining events. We cannot guarantee any refunds for any pre-booked events.

All existing Members will have their Membership frozen for the duration of the suspension and the time will be added on to make sure Members get a full and active 12-month period.

This isn't a decision we have taken lightly, but we must always act in the best interest of our Members.

Events booked in for the remainder of the month will be scaled back with the weekly Lunch Club-Clubs and Tea & Talk style events being suspended from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March.

For those people who are Members of both HMR Circle and the Volunteer Drivers Service we will endeavor to operate the VDS as efficiently as possible within the advice we receive. It may mean we restrict journeys to hospital and/or doctors appointments, but we must also be conscious not to put volunteers at risk, so we may refuse or cancel some trips if we deem necessary.

The current situation is unprecedented, and we have acted in the best interests of our Members, Volunteers and Staff.

I am sure Members will understand and support the action we have taken, and we will update Members at every stage.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

*Mark*

**Mark Wynn**  
Director