

Portobello Legion Update.

Hello, I hope this update finds you all in good spirits and looking forward to the easing of restrictions being implemented due to Covid-19.

These are indeed troubling times for all of us and for our families and friends. Our national and local events have been cancelled and our pubs and clubs have been closed. Our familiar and time-honoured annual rhythm of activity has been disrupted in a way we have not seen before. We are in uncharted waters but we are all in the same boat and in that we can take some comfort.

We the Committee and the staff are missing our members & friends and hope you are missing us as much. The Legion is a hub for many activities within the local area and so much more than just a business that sells alcohol and food. We actually play an important role at the heart of the Portobello Community. We provide a meeting place for various groups, A focal point for community events and we support formal and informal networks. Portobello Legion plays a key role in local economies, whereby we employ local people and provide access to information and services. We bring all ages, backgrounds and interests together and we help with problems of loneliness, isolation and wellbeing to many in our community.

Obviously we must all do our duty to the rest of society by following the guidance and instructions we all receive from the Government if we are to play our own part in dealing with this coronavirus. Both the secretary and myself have actively been seeking ways to ensure we are able to open our doors at the earliest opportunity in ways that will protect both staff and members. New working practices will have to be adopted and social distancing observed and we are in the process of perfecting these practices and implementing all safety measures required.

We wish you all the best in weathering this unexpected and unwelcome storm, and look forward to being able once again to meet up in the spirit of comradeship that is such an inspiring trademark of Portobello Legion.

Gus Macleod
Branch Chairman.

