



## Poloc Cricket Club

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Dear Member,

### **COVID-19 and Cricket at Shawholm**

As you will all be aware the Scottish and UK Governments have put severe restrictions on the general population over the coming weeks and months with the complete shutdown of all sporting activity across the country.

Cricket Scotland have indicated, in their statement of 16 March, that no cricket training should take place between now and 31 March. The reality, I suspect, is that this prohibition of sporting activity will last significantly longer and likely well into the scheduled start of the season. Not since the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001 which closed Pollok Park for many months has there been such a threat to the cricket season at Shawholm.

As a club, we pulled ourselves back from the brink in January but now face another challenge. We will hopefully be able to continue preparations for the season with groundworks over the coming months, but it will not be possible for outdoor or indoor training or fixtures for the foreseeable future.

To be able to do this, however, we will need all members to continue to pay their subscriptions on a monthly basis. Like most other businesses around the country the club still has to pay rent and running costs to maintain the buildings and grounds, so it is essential that we maintain our cashflow with the likely loss of income in the absence of cricket. I would urge all members to keep up their regular payments during this time.

If we all pull together, we will get through this and hopefully have the opportunity to play on the hallowed turf of Shawholm at some point before too long. As more information becomes available in the weeks and months that follow we will keep all members aware of the situation via our website, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

In the meantime, to all members and their families – keep safe and well throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth J A Robertson  
President