

IMPACT REPORT



SUPPORTING OUR BENEFICIARIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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RESPONDING TO COVID-19

A message from the Managing Director

Due to the obvious restrictions during the initial lockdown, we were unable to deliver our core charitable activities and needed to adapt so as to continue to support our pool of beneficiaries.

It cannot be underestimated how important these activities are to the mental well-being of our beneficiaries – with many already feeling vulnerable before the pandemic started as a result of their physical injuries, natural illnesses and an ever increasing number of mental health related issues.

When the initial lockdown eased in late July we were able to resume our core golf event programme – albeit on an adapted basis. Golf is one of the few sports that can be played outside whilst socially distancing and we were able to put controls in place that meant a change to the event structure but ensured that government guidelines and venue restrictions could be met.

We were able to deliver 16 events in Cornwall, Devon, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Essex, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Cheshire, North Yorkshire and West Lothian before the start of the second lockdown in November that were attended by over 200 of our beneficiaries – 30 of whom being first-time attendees.

Prior to the July resumption we had to take our activities online by hosting virtual coffee mornings via Zoom, online golf tuition via YouTube Live, weekly quizzes and mobility sessions provided by a qualified Personal Trainer and Physiotherapist.

Whilst these activities were not ideal, following the positive feedback received from everyone we continued these initiatives throughout the second and third lockdowns that took place between November and March. Their success has encouraged us to look to continue with them going forward during each winter 'off season' when weather restricts us to only being able to deliver a reduced programme.

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 and despite only managing to stage 30% of our planned events programme we have been able to recruit 41 new beneficiaries to the Foundation.

It has been a challenging time for everyone but our small and dedicated team have continued to support our deserving beneficiaries during this period of on-going uncertainty and introduce some degree of normality to their lives. Let's hope it is not too long before we can put all this behind us.

Stay safe.

Alistair McKay Forbes
Managing Director

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

16



events delivered
200+ attendees

22



Zoom calls featuring
special guests
356 virtual
guests

16



coaching sessions
via YouTube Live
Average session
views - 154

51



Zoom 'coffee mornings'
468 visitors

4



beneficiaries in long-
term employment
plus work experience
placements

41



new beneficiaries
73%+ attending
event programme.

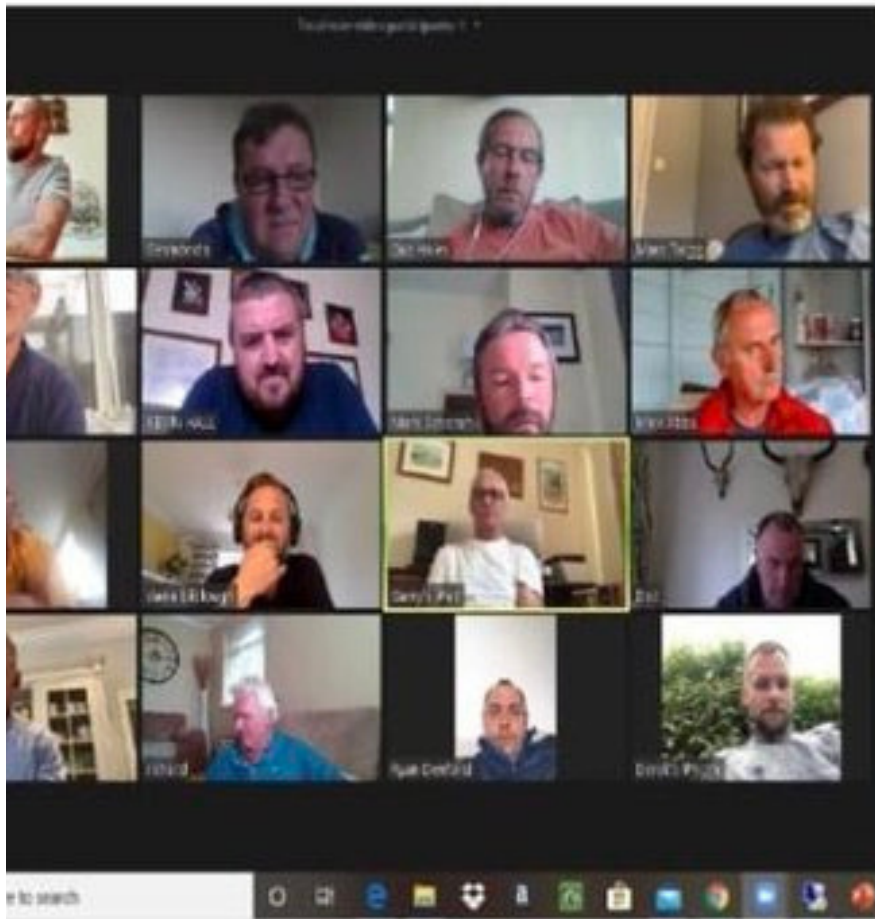


EVENTS

As of July 2020 we were able to successfully resume
our programme of confidence building events.

With thanks to:

- China Fleet Country Club
- Boringdon Park Golf Club
- Cumberwell Park Golf Club
 - Bowood Golf Club
 - Sandford Springs
- Hamptworth Golf Club
 - Five Lakes Hotel
- Barnham Broom Golf Club
 - The Springs Golf Club
 - Drayton Park Golf Club
- Greetham Valley Golf Club
 - Carden Park
- MacDonald Portal Hotel
 - The KP - York
 - Hunley Hall Hotel
- Kingsfield Golf Centre



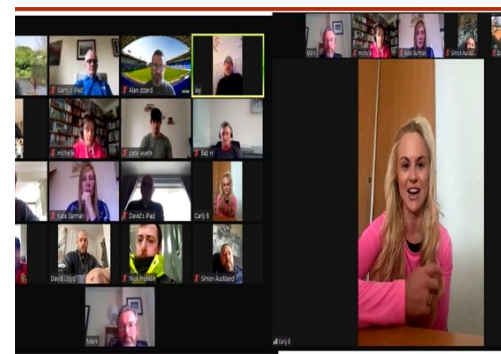
VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES



As well as regular online tuition, beneficiary coffee mornings and daily 'drop ins', we were joined by some special guests via Zoom.

With thanks to:

- Richard Harrison
- Dean Ashton
- Matt Le Tissier
- Lee Westwood
- Billy Foster
- Nick Dougherty
- Andrew Coltart
- John Simpson
- Tommy Fleetwood
- Paul McGinley
- Dai Llewellyn
- Laura Davies
- James Taylor
- Colin Montgomerie
- John Paramor
- Michael McEwan
- Andrew 'Beef' Johnston
- Gemma Hunter
- Carly Booth
- Kenneth Schofield
- Gavin Robinson
- Martin Robinson





Captain Billy Webb is currently on a greenkeeping 'look at life' at North Hants Golf Club in Hampshire. This is helping to improve his social skills and he's loving the time that he is spending under the guidance of Golf Course Manager Sam Evans.

Mark Drummond is following through with his aspirations of becoming a fully qualified PGA Teaching Professional. He has recently started at Airdrie Golf Club as a Trainee and plans to start his PGA degree in the near future.

EMPLOYMENT SNAPSHOT

Despite the on-going pandemic, we are still looking to support our beneficiaries with employment opportunities, including work experience placements and industry based qualifications.



Greig Phillips has joined the greenkeeping team at Whitsand Bay Golf Club in Devon. Greig is also the captain of the GB Simpson Cup team who hope to travel the USA later this year to defend their trophy.

After being placed in the role of Membership and Sales Administrator in 2018 at Barnham Broom Golf Club, **Del Sullivan** has recently been promoted to the position of Assistant Golf Operations Manager.

Craig Hume has completed a Principles of Golf Club Management Course in conjunction with the GCMA and is currently undertaking an ASQ Level 5 Diploma to support his ambition to become a Golf Club Manager.



Simon (front) served as a Corporal in the Adjutant General's Corp but had to leave due to a Tracheostomy in situ due to complications in routine surgery. He has been regular at events since joining in 2017.

"When I got told I had to leave the military through no fault of my own it sent me spiralling down to the depths of hell. I had nothing and I thought about ending my life on more than one occasion. Lockdown certainly didn't help this and the initial period effected me hugely. I take a lot from these events - little bits of coaching to improve my golf but more importantly camaraderie, friendship and banter and not being able to get out (as a result of being in the high risk category) has had a massive impact on me.

Golf is my happy safe place and attending the OCF events are so important to my mental health. It get's me out the house, meeting up with like-minded people and I don't have to think about my demons. It's saved my life, gave me a purpose and showed me that I CAN DO something despite my disability."

SIMON AUCKLAND

On Course Foundation beneficiary