



# THE SMBP 44 ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member

I am writing to you on behalf of the Executive Committee of the 44 Club.

Firstly, we do hope you are keeping well during these difficult times. The COVID-19 virus is having a huge impact on all of us, and the 44 Club is no exception. The wellbeing of our members is our priority during this period of uncertainty. It is for this reason that the Members' Reunion and AGM scheduled for 7th May 2020 is now postponed. We aim to hold it later in the year once it is safe for us to gather together. If you have already applied and paid to attend, we will hold the funds unless you wish to have a refund. Please contact me if a refund is required and we will do this as soon as we can.

Branches will be suspending any social gatherings until the virus has passed. Please keep a lookout in the 44 Club News or visit our website ([www.44club.co.uk](http://www.44club.co.uk)) for updates once the advice from the Government has changed.

For unrelated reasons, the Spring edition of the 44 Club News will be delayed. It was due to be issued in April, but it will now be published at a later date. We will update the website when the publication date is known.

We realise that this may be a difficult time for you, especially if you must self-isolate.

## WHERE TO GET HELP/SUPPORT

The Shell Pensioner Programme is a Shell sponsored and funded service that is free of charge to SPA members in receipt of a SCPF or SOCPF Pension. The service provides friendly reassurance, support and guidance to help find solutions to problems you are facing:

- Help to access benevolence from the Shell Pensioners Benevolence Association.
- Signposting or referring to local community support and professional support eg Citizens Advice, Age UK and others.

Pensioners in need of support can call the **Shell Pensioner Programme Helpline** on **0345 850 8944** (10am – 4pm, Monday to Friday exc. public holidays).

## ORGANISATIONS THAT PROVIDE SUPPORT

**The Silver Line** – offering confidential information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Tel: **0800 0 70 80 90** [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)

**Age UK** – it's the leading charity for older people. Tel: **0800 055 6112** [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

Please stay well and I am sure you will wish this unprecedented period to come to an end as much as the members of the Executive Committee do.

Yours sincerely

Colin Hill  
Secretary