



# Southampton & District Philatelic Society



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## COVID GUIDANCE FROM JANUARY 2022

Your committee recently discussed the implications of the new developments relating to Covid-19 and the Omicron variant.

Current Government advice was discussed and it was agreed that live meetings would continue, but under clear guidance. Some of my additional suggestions have been commented on by committee members subsequently; they reflect both Government guidance, which was passed by the Commons recently, and by verbal advice given by the Prime Minister at briefings.

The assumption must be that everyone attending a meeting will have received two vaccinations, plus a booster dose. However, there is still a need to take precautions as we have a responsibility to ourselves and to all other members present.

At all meetings, everyone should wear a mask (unless exempt). Naturally, there will be occasions when masks are removed—such as when speaking to the room or when the auctioneer is running an auction. Masks will be provided for those who forget to bring one.

As much ventilation as possible will be organised at both Bugle Street and Chandler's Ford. This might mean ensuring you wear warm clothing. Additionally, any members attending meetings should maintain social distancing wherever feasible.

For your own peace of mind, you may wish take a personal lateral flow test before a meeting; if you have a positive test, you should not attend any meeting and, similarly, if you show any symptoms of Covid-19 you should not attend.

Although the scientific evidence is that the virus has a limited life span on solid surfaces, hand sanitizers will be provided for your use at each venue.

Please check the website for any further guidance when the Government's guidance and advice change.

Mel Bradshaw (Chairman)