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To: John Dickinson/Carol Watt- Sullivan/John Stevens

COACH BOWLS/ENGLISH BOWLS COACHES SOCIETY JOINT MEETING

The provision of a quality coaching service that meets the needs of both coaches and participants within the sport of bowls is vital to the long-term future of bowls and is, I am sure, a sentiment that you would share. EIBA Ltd, Bowls England and the BDA fully appreciate the work of those who provide coaching services within our clubs, and we recognise the importance that coaching has to the long-term future of our sport.

Regrettably, it would appear that the introduction of the Coach Bowls scheme under the banner of the Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) has not entirely received the support of the English Bowls Coaches Society (EBCS) and its predecessor, the English Bowls Coaching Scheme. In my view, and those of many representing its funding partners, this has been detrimental to the sport and led to confusion amongst those who provide and receive coaching services within our clubs and counties.

I therefore write on behalf of the three bodies that form the Coach Bowls scheme – Bowls England, EIBA Ltd and the BDA – to invite you and colleagues from the EBCS to a meeting to concentrate on what is best for coaches and our sport as a whole. I know that affiliated members of the NGBs will be encouraged to hear that such a meeting will be taking place shortly.

Having consulted with colleagues, we wish to propose the following dates, venue on both occasions to be the Bowls England office in Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV31 3PT:-

- Monday 14th January 2013 @ 1.00 pm
- Sunday 20th January 2013 @ 11.00 am

It would be appreciated if you would consult with colleagues and reply to me at your earliest convenience with details of your preferred date so that we may make appropriate arrangements. Please feel free to bring along members of your Committee and Regional/County Coaches as appropriate to ensure that all those attending may be involved within the discussions. I look forward to confirmation of your chosen date not later than Friday 5th January 2013.

Yours sincerely

Tony Allcock MBE
Chair – Bowls Development Alliance
Chief Executive – Bowls England