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## **ADVICE TO DSWA BRANCHES REGARDING ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

You will all be aware of the increasing number of restrictions that are being put in place by the Government. Our Association has many Branch activities planned over the next few months, and in these extraordinary times, additional steps need to be taken to ensure the ongoing safety, not only of DSWA members, but also members of the public who may be involved in activities such as training courses, practice meetings, shows and events, etc. Consequently, the Trustee Board has issued the following advice to Branches:

Current Government advice requires the cancellation of any planned activity, although this might change again over the next few weeks or months. The DSWA Trustee Board proposes that this should be implemented with immediate effect to the end of June 2020, this will be reviewed monthly and includes the following:

- Training Courses
- Qualification Courses and Test Days
- Practice Meetings
- Branch Meetings
- Any other DSWA Events/Activities, including Competitions

As you can appreciate this was not an easy decision to make, but trust you agree it is the correct and only one to be made at this time.

Clearly, the situation regarding the Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak is dynamic, and the Government is continuing to update their advice, available on

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Thank you for your cooperation with this decision and meantime please try to stay safe and follow current advice.

DSWA Trustees  
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