

**The
2020
Lindfield
VILLAGE DAY**

Lindfield
**VILLAGE
RUN
5k/10k**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 21st MARCH 2020
A LETTER FROM CO-CHAIRS DAVID TINGLEY & KATHERINE ALCOCK

Village Run and Lindfield Village Day 2020 cancelled

As the country is in the grip of the rapidly spreading Coronavirus, it is with much regret and disappointment that we have decided to cancel both of our events this year.

The run was supposed to be on Sunday 17th May and Village Day on Saturday 30th May 2020 – but neither will take place.

In the light of the government advice for all to only spend time with others where strictly necessary it is no longer appropriate to consider putting on these events in May.

A significant disappointment for us personally is that we were both looking forward to being responsible for this year's Run and Village Day in Lindfield – and, importantly, we had a brilliant team behind us who have been working since November in the planning for both events. We would like to publicly thank the team for all the hard work they have already put in.

However, the safety of this team, the village and indeed the country are paramount at such extraordinary times as these.

We have decided to not look for alternative dates nearer the end of 2020. This is partly due to the uncertainty of the situation later in the year and partly to ease personal pressure on the organising team – who are all volunteers. We know that life is going to be challenging for all of us over the coming months so it's the right thing to release all involved and come back raring to go for the 2021 events.

Dates for next year will be Lindfield Village Run on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May 2021, and Lindfield Village Day taking place on Saturday 5th June 2021.

Fortunately, the King Edward Hall – the charity which benefits from the money raised each year – is in a strong enough financial position to not be significantly affected by the lack of its biggest fundraiser this year.

We know the people of Lindfield, the stall holders and runners from around the county will be very disappointed by this news, as both events are very popular, but we hope all will understand in these extreme circumstances.

Refunds will be issued for anyone who has booked places for the Run, and booked stallholders will be asked whether they wish to carry over their booking to Village Day 2021. Any questions email: stalls@kingedwardhall.org.uk, run@kingedwardhall.org.uk or villageday@kingedwardhall.org.uk.

From David Tingley & Katherine Alcock, Co-chairs of Lindfield Village Day & Run