



## NEW LOCAL RULE

Dear Member,

In light of the recent occurrence of dead and dying birds washing up on the beach at the 1st Hole over the last few days, we have been in contact with R&A and DEFRA to obtain guidance regarding the situation.

There is concern about the potential for tee shots from the first tee landing adjacent to or in close proximity to the dead or dying birds.

The R&A could not provide guidance as all rules officials are busy with the Scottish Open and British Open, DEFRA have advised that we should not go near or touch the birds as the cause of death is yet to be confirmed until testing has been complete.

In light of the foregoing and to ensure the safety of our members and visitors, the Committee has decided that a local rule will be put in place until further clarifications and guidance can be obtained. Two drop zones will be marked on the semi-rough on the left hand side of the 1st fairway.

LOCAL RULE – 1st HOLE

ANY TEE SHOT THAT LANDS WITHIN THE LATERAL WATER HAZARD DENOTED BY THE RED MARKERS SHALL REQUIRE THE PLAYER TO TAKE A DROP IN THE NEAREST DROP ZONE WITHOUT PENALTY.

PLEASE DO NOT RETRIEVE ANY BALLS WITHIN THE LATERAL WATER HAZARD.

We thank you for your co-operation and look to update the membership once we have had the requisite clarifications on the matter.

Best regards

THE COMMITTEE