



## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting HEAD OF SNOWSPORT REPORT

| Location               | Individual lessons | Group lessons | Total lessons |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Braehead               | 348                | 73            | 421           |
| Hillend                | 9                  | 0             | 9             |
| Manchester             | 859                | 70            | 929           |
| Hemel                  | 422                | 42            | 464           |
| Sandown                | 7                  | 0             | 7             |
| Tamworth               | 193                | 45            | 238           |
| Nevis Range            | 7                  | 0             | 7             |
| <b>Total all Sites</b> | <b>1845</b>        | <b>230</b>    | <b>2075</b>   |

Following a very hard year for everyone we have managed to provide some snowsport lessons when we were allowed. Restrictions and lockdowns have been difficult for all and DSUK have utilised the Government job retention scheme (furlough) for the delivery staff as much as possible.

The staff have been on flexible furlough when allowed so they have all been working on our new Health and Safety initiative. This included close consultation with the Snowsport Centres to ensure robust risk assessments and plans for return to centres within Covid regulations.

DSUK has also been exploring the opportunities of extending our provisions at more outdoor dry slopes. This will help with reducing the costs of skiing and providing more opportunities to ski over the UK. We have been visiting centres and assessing accessibility, having meetings with the management and making plans for opening some new ski schools when restrictions allow.

Some centres have not been as accessible as needed and we are working with those centres to increase this so we can hopefully get them to a point where it is safe for DSUK to deliver lessons.

DSUK is continuing to provide skiing outdoors in Scotland with lessons at Nevis Range. Unfortunately, a fire at Glencoe stopped our planned delivery there but we look forward to returning in the future.

Some changes have been made at Cairngorm Mountain which will make it possible to return to delivering lessons without the need for the Funicular.

We were fortunate to be able to deliver 8 adaptive snowsport holidays; 7 standard holidays including a stand up only week and one family holiday. Sadly, the spread of Covid19 meant the last holiday and one private group holiday had to be cancelled.

We have been planning new products for our members which will include group sessions. These sessions will be equipment specific, disability specific and mixed for members we think might like to ski together. An example of this is a ladies group session to improve confidence and skiing skills while in a relaxed environment and a cuppa and cake break in the middle.

We have planned the following sessions for as soon as we are able to deliver groups with more to follow through member engagement.

- Mono Ski
- 3 Track



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- Learning Difficulties
- Ladies
- Kids
- Intro to racing/stubbies

Following consultation with the Snowsport managers we have decided to increase our First lesson to 2 hours. This is to ensure enough time to be able to have a thorough assessment and a whole hour on the snow. There will then be enough time after to discuss what happens next and for our instructors to answer any questions.

If you would like any more information about lessons, Local Groups or volunteering on our adaptive holidays or snowsport lessons please contact [bookings@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk](mailto:bookings@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk)