

A guide to Social Distancing your way to a safe and successful event

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Times may have changed, but with a few adjustments your Tommy Tea can still go ahead safely and be lots of fun! Here are some hints and tips to help:

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Guests and location

- If possible, hold your Tommy Tea in a garden or an outside setting.
- Set tables and chairs for your guests at two metres apart.
- Limit your guest numbers to that of the Government advice at the time of your event.
- Print some arrows and ask your guests to keep to a 'one way' system.

Would you struggle to keep your guest list down?

Here are two suggestions:

- Go virtual! If you are a dab hand at technology, why not use Zoom or Skype to include additional guests to your Tommy Tea.
- Stagger your Tommy Tea; consider inviting people to arrive at different times throughout the afternoon and have 2 or 3 (or more) separate sittings.

Food and hygiene

- Cover food items with something see through such as mesh food covers, Tupperware or cling film.
- Consider asking people to bring their own cutlery and drinking cup if this will make them feel more comfortable.
- Allocate one person to handle the food as your guests make their choices, using disposable gloves.
- Allocate a different person to help to take donations from your guests, again using disposable gloves.
- Have some antibacterial gel available for your guests to use throughout the Tommy Tea, although most guests will have their own supply.
- Provide antibacterial gel, antibacterial soap and antibacterial cleaning wipes, and if possible disposable hand towels for any toilet areas.

Lastly, enjoy yourself!

Your guests will be very conscious of social distancing and hygiene so as long as you have measures in place, you should be able to enjoy holding your very first Tommy Tea event, and celebrate Betty Underhill's legacy. We are certain she wouldn't let anything get in her way and so neither shall we!



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