

AVA NEWSLETTER

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A round of applause for the new Board!

The AVA is delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Brinsley, Matt Osborne and Jason Vincent to the AVA board.

The trio bring with them a wealth of experience across the industry with Richard's experience as managing director of Westomatic Vending service Ltd, combined with Matt's influence at Masteroast and Jason's knowledge of the automated retail sector as CEO & co-founder of Aeguana Ltd.

Stuart Coutts of Connect Vending takes on the role of **Chair**.

Also voted back into role as Operator representatives are: Natalie Baker (Westways Vending), Diane Hunter (Apple Vending & Catering) and Kelly Pugh (City Vending Services).

More details about the AVA and its Board can be found [HERE](#)

AVA Christmas Luncheon - Never too early to get festive



It may be July, but the AVA is already well underway with planning its annual Christmas luncheon

Taking place on **7 December**, starting at 11:30am at **Tobacco Dock** in London it will be a 'FUTURUM' themed Christmas event. With a fantastic meal, drinks and entertainment all included.



As well as an extravagant after party at the Skylight Bar, also on Tobacco Dock – we cannot wait to see our members there.

Tickets cost **£185 (+VAT)** for AVA members. Tickets always sell out early, so get yours booked: by contacting Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Delay until October 2025 - or beyond?

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) has announced a delay in the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

The EPR system places cost obligations upon packaging producers in a bid to reduce

'excessive' packaging, and was due to fully open in just a few months time. There have been extensive discussions between Government and industry over recent months, with calls for a delay and re-think of the design of the scheme growing.

[Defra](#) announced last week that that whilst the existing requirement for data collection by those eligible (see AVA [Webinar](#)) will continue, the remainder of the obligations, including payments, will be delayed for a period which, with elections potentially looming, could be as much as 2 years. It says: *"Following extensive engagement with industry, and in light of the pressure facing consumers and businesses in the current economic context, new rules to ensure packaging producers pay for the cost of recycling their packaging will be deferred a year from October 2024 to 2025."*

Defra's [EPR Guidance page](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.

Although EPR data reporting, as currently defined, would have little administrative impact on Operator members, the cost impact on Suppliers could be huge - which would be bound to be reflected in ongoing pricing.

Currently the declared intent is to continue with the drive towards mandatory cup takeback and the implementation of a Deposit Return Scheme across the UK.

The AVA will continue to work closely with the FPA, BCA, supplier and legislators to keep you informed. Watch out for Newsletters and events such as the [AVA Technical Day Webinar](#) to stay informed.

AVA Golf Day – From The Open at Royal Liverpool to The AVA Golf Day



Probably the second largest golf tournament in the world took place this month at Wetherby Golf Club, as the AVA celebrated its 43rd annual Northern Golf Day.

Congratulations to Ross Hannah from AG Barr, who won both the Nestlé Shield and the Jack West trophy!

Thanks to [Nestlé Professional](#) & [Nestlé Confectionery](#) for their enduring sponsorship, represented

here by Andrew Walker (left). Plus all those who took part - we hope you had as much fun as Ross did!

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