

# AVA NEWSLETTER

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## AVA Webinar on Mandatory Cup Takeback

The AVA held its webinar on the mandatory cup takeback on the 13th June, with over 80 attendees joining us.

Taking us through the webinar were David Llewellyn, chief executive of the AVA, Ross More, Strategic Account Manager at Valpak and Hannah Osman, National Cup Recycling Manager at NCRS. The webinar looked at a variety of topics, in particular the EPR packaging impact on SME vendors, and the proposed Mandatory Cup Takeback scheme.

If you missed it, you can watch the full recording [HERE](#):

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## AVA AGM

Also held at the same time as the Webinar - the usual 'procedural' items were dealt with:

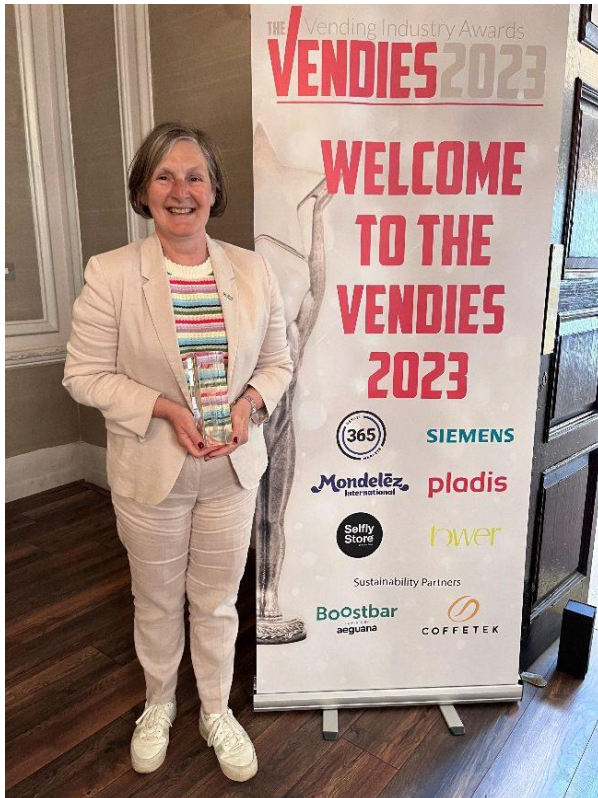
- Confirmation of the AVA 2022 Accounts

- Details of the current AVA Board
- Changes to the [AVA Articles of Association](#) - so that they reflect current legislation, the structure of the AVA and its updated membership categories.

All details can be found in the minutes of the meeting in the [AVA members area](#)

## Grand Finale!

### Gillian White steps down from AVA as she wins 'Woman Of The Year' at The Vendies 2023



Our very own Gillian White, chair of the AVA, will be gracefully stepping down from her role following her well-earned success at the 2023 Vendies, winning Supplier Woman Of The Year on the 7th June. A worthy winner, as during her term as Chair, the industry, the AVA and its members have faced a deluge of financial and legislative challenges- in addition to the covid-19 pandemic. Her many achievements at the AVA have allowed us to truly thrive during uncertain times and she has continued to excellently steer the AVA Board to ensure that its members have been provided with correct, timely information and guidance.

Thank you Gillian and congratulations on the award win.

## AVA Activity Day success



From our on-the-spot reporter: *David Bamford*:

The AVA Activity day, sponsored by [EVOCA](#), was a massive success and a fantastic day was had by all. The lack of golf was much welcomed, although we did have activities involving a golf buggy and we used a digger to get some balls into a bucket . . . so not too far away from the game of golf.

Jill Bode of VMC turned out to be top marksperson in the rifle and pistol shooting. Archery brought the Robin Hood and Maid Marian out in all of us. I took the spot as top archer of the day however I still wouldn't volunteer to have an apple shot off your head!



Digger driving skills to lift footballs and place them in a bucket. The concentration on everyone's faces ..



Off-road driving skills was a real blast. You'd think with all the Land Rover and Range Rovers in the industry, they'd know how to drive them.



The event of the day must be the reverse steer snooker, let me explain:

1. Golf buggy with four seats, two forward facing, two rear facing. (No room for the clubs)
2. Upfront, One person operates the pedals and the other is steering (steerer is blindfolded)
3. Taking the rear, two people who shout the directions left or right. Although you are not allowed to say LEFT or RIGHT, you must use two other words!
4. A course of gates with the colours of snooker balls, and the aim is to get the buggy through the gates like you would potting snooker balls, always coming back to pot the red..
5. Here is the killer, turn the steering wheel right and the buggy goes left..

The day was all-round a real success with a lot of fun and laughter throughout the day!

This event will return on **Wednesday 15th May, 2024**. Make sure to get yourself signed up if you'd like to attend!

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## WELCOME TO NEW AVA MEMBER: EARLY BIRD VENDING

**Early Bird Vending** began in 1974 as Early Bird Catering at Aberdeen Airport, serving bacon rolls and coffees to the first offshore workers travelling to the rigs in the North Sea. The company evolved into a vending business and Bill McCulloch bought the company in 1992, following six years working as the manager. Bill owned and ran the business until 2014 when son Stewart took over. Stewart is now the owner and managing director. Early Bird Vending cover the "Grampian" area in



North Scotland, also covering the Northern Isles supplying coffee vending, water coolers, bottled water and fully operated vending services.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE AVA AND INDUSTRY EVENTS - CHECK FOR UPDATES AND NEW ADDITIONS IN OUR [CALENDAR](#)



VENDING TIMES: [UK perspective: Resilience amidst a challenging environment](#)

VENDING INTERNATIONAL:

- [Vending & Automated Retail industry reports sustained growth following pandemic](#)
- [The Vendies 2023: Meet our winners](#)

PLANET VENDING

- [The AVA reaches out to Members to join Webinar on Cup Recycling](#)
- [The Vendies '23 : Meet The Winners](#)



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