

# AVA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

## Almost time for the AVA Christmas Luncheon!

Oversubscribed as always, almost 300 guests will enjoy the AVA Luncheon at Tobacco Dock next week.

If you are attending, you can find details [HERE](#). Access is by pre-booked ticket only.

We extend many thanks to our event sponsors and table hosts, without whom, none of this would take place.

We look forward to seeing you next week!



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## A successful day out at Vendex for the AVA and all who attended!

We hope those who attended Vendex enjoyed themselves as much as we did! We also really appreciate those who travelled from far and wide to be there.

We had a record number of visitors to our stand this year, and they all created an electric atmosphere throughout the day. The event was a showcase of a host of new products, underlining the growing confidence and appeal of the booming vending and AR sector. Brands, keen to tap into this dynamic market, flocked in and initiated their journey into our fascinating business arena.

This exhibition was also beneficial for the AVA, as it provides an excellent platform for networking, gaining numerous engaging new contacts and encouraging new membership sign-ups. Existing members, too, actively participated, raising many pertinent product-related and technical questions surrounding topics like DRS, cup takeback schemes, and the definition of 'plastic-free'. Amid all this, tickets to our Christmas Luncheon were a hot enquiry!





# Ireland's new Deposit Return Scheme

The Irish Deposit Return Scheme continues towards the launch date of February 2024, with a number of deadline dates for those who must participate.

All retailers who sell in-scope drinks containers are legally obliged to register with Re-turn, and are required to complete registration with Re-turn by 14 December, 2023.

Registration can be completed registration on the Re-turn [portal](#) to confirm your membership and compliance with the scheme in advance of Go Live on 1 February, 2024.

There are guides available to support your registration [Re-turn website](#). Please click [here](#) to download the Retailer Registration Overview.

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## DIARY DATES FOR 2024

If you are planning an industry event next year - let us know. We can add it to the [AVA Industry Calendar](#). It will provide publicity - and help you to avoid diary clashes.

Here are some important Dates for 2024:

### March 2024

#### [Vendex Midlands](#)

Wednesday, 20th March 2024, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

MK Dons Stadium, Stadium Way West, Bletchley, Milton Keynes

### April 2024

#### [AVA Live: On-the-Road \(North\)](#)

Wednesday, 3rd April 2024, 9:30am - 3:30 pm

VENUE TBC

### May 2024

#### [AVA Midland Activity Day - Sponsored by EVOCA](#)

Wednesday, 1st May 2024

Adventure Sports Wedgewood Lane, Warwick

**July 2024**

**[AVA Northern Golf Day - Sponsored by Nestlé Professional & Nestlé Confectionery](#)**

Thursday, 25th July 2024, 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Wetherby Golf Club Linton Lane, Wetherby

**August 2024**

**[AVA Southern Golf Day - Sponsored by H2O Direct](#)**

Wednesday, 28th August 2024

Pyrford Lakes, Surrey

**October 2024**

**[AVA Live: On-the-Road \(Midlands/South\)](#)**

Wednesday, 2nd October 2024, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

VENUE TBC

**[EVA EVEX](#)**

Wednesday, 16th October 2024 - Friday, 18th October 2024

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**December 2024**

**[AVA Christmas Luncheon](#)**

Thursday, 12th December 2024, 11:30 am - 8:00 pm

Central London, venue TBC



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