

Hambleton Action Plan (HAP) - Update by Chair Parish Council - 11 April 2020



I have just come back from delivering Easter Cards to those in our village who are isolated. I am delighted to say that we had 120 cards, more than enough for our supported households and a few spare for folk we know who would appreciate a card. So a big thank you to the village Children and Volunteers who made the cards to wish our isolated households a Happy Easter.



We remain at 120 volunteers and 110 supported households with another 50% or so supported by family and friends close-by. Shopping seems to have settled down and the shop is doing a good trade and is well stocked except for one or two nationally short products like flour and hand sanitiser. Plenty of eggs, fresh produce, wine and beer at good prices and enough loo rolls to keep an elephant happy.

The shop gets deliveries on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the stock is put on the shelves then to reduce the risk of staff and customers breaching social distancing rules; the shop opens when the shelves have been re-stocked. I am most grateful for the volunteers who are managing access to the shop for 1000 to 1400 on those days - they are doing a great job of keeping everyone safe. Also a huge thanks for those using the shop, the reports are of everyone respecting the rules for everyone's safety. The shop may be contacted on 02392 633965.

The prescription request and medicines team are doing a steady trade with Mon/Wed/Fri pick up and an average of 8 to 10 bags per time. Dr Jo has asked me to remind you that they will ring the bell/knock and step back 2 metres for the handover, but they cannot leave medicine unsupervised - especially fridge to fridge items. The drop off at Dr John Thornton is working well. Dr Jo would also like me to remind you that the COVID-19 virus does not adhere to paper, so the medicine bags are OK, but if you are concerned - pick up with rubber gloves, open the bag and drop out contents and ditch the bag. If you need this service (ie are isolated or shielding), they can be contacted at:

Jo Walker, coordinator	02392 632642	07711 627850
John Thornton	02392 632719	07419 376955
Lucy Meeson	02392 632451	07443 482920

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I have had a very nice letter from our MP, Mrs Flick Drummond thanking the village and its volunteers for their efforts. It is attached with this update.

The Government rules on social distancing are really clear. We have very many villagers working at the front line in the NHS, as doctors nurses and HCA - also those working in social care keeping vulnerable people safe. Let's not put our dedicated and brave people at risk by not following the Government's rules.

I do have to say that around the village people are keeping good social distance, and it's interesting that there are now very few, if any, walkers from outside the village parking up; but hundreds of cyclists! The HAP team is now turning our thoughts to the longer term effects on those isolated, especially those living alone and not on line. I would be grateful for any thoughts you might have. HAP volunteers suggested the Easter cards and that has been very well received. Other ideas are a book exchange and social phone calls. So if you would like someone to chat to, need help with anything, have an idea, please send the HAP team an email:

Jo Tester, the PC Clerk. clerk@hambledon-pc.gov.uk. 07701 018321 (mobile) 02392 632106
Paul Quinn, Chair PC. p.quinn@hambledon-pc.gov.uk, 07850 646755 (mobile) 02392 632946
Sam Meeson. Volunteer themeesonfamily@gmail.com. 07770 924258 (mobile) 02392 632451

Please encourage neighbours, friends etc to **sign up for the PC email** with the Clerk at clerk@hambledon-pc.gov.uk to keep in touch and to find out about on-line social groups etc. Don't forget our Hambledon Together Facebook page too.

St Peter's and St Paul's is doing a great job of staying in touch and supporting isolated folk, they are running a very good Facebook page; please 'Like' it for regular updates, don't forget the Easter Bells/ Noise at 1030 on Sunday.

Finally, why not print a copy of this for any neighbours that are not on line!

A Happy Easter to all

Paul Quinn
Chair
Hambledon Parish Council

Jo Tester
Clerk
Parish Council

Samantha Meeson
Volunteer
HAP Team