

Coronavirus - Hambledon Parish Council Action Plan

Dear Villagers,

The Parish Council held an emergency meeting on 17 March to discuss and decide how we might respond to the situation and provide support to those villagers in need. Huge thanks to those who came along and provided such great advice and encouragement.

Firstly, it is important that we look after each other, so please be a good neighbour and check on vulnerable people next door (without increasing risk), this week and for the forthcoming period of little travel and social isolation. We need to be especially careful for those not on-line since they cannot order food, medicine, use social media etc.

We anticipate that there may well be a number of ways that villagers might need support

- Help in picking up food
- Help in delivering medicine - procedures have changed with the Doctors for dispensing medicine.
- Help with household emergencies, issues, urgent repairs
- Loneliness after a prolonged period without social contact.
- Reassurance of relatives who maybe haven't heard from their loved one, or heard of an issue which needs sorting.
- Help with pets, walking, vet appointments for ill pets.

This village has a wonderful history of volunteering with over 100,000 hours given during the 2014 floods. So, we think that the best job for the Parish Council is to call for volunteers and put them in contact with those who need help or a hand. We will co-ordinate the lists and disseminate information as we get it, work with the Denmead Health Centre to pass out information. Some villagers have found the **NHS app** to be helpful for ordering medicine etc. We hope to have a Facebook page/group just for this. **I would really appreciate anyone who would be happy to set up and moderate the FB page to come forward** (please let me know).

We will be using various email lists and apologies if you get this email more than once. Please encourage neighbours, friends etc to **sign up for the PC email** with the Clerk at clerk@hambledon-pc.gov.uk

So this e-mail and an article in the Hambledonian is

- 1. A call for volunteers**
- 2. An offer of help to anyone who may need it.**

So who will be running this system?

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We will work together to co-ordinate the volunteer list and eventually will set up a WhatsApp group for volunteers to enable communications. We must not increase the risk of infection, so food etc will be a doorstep drop (not in for tea and virus). Social interaction by phone, WhatsApp etc. We already have an Old Gits group set up!

So what do I do?

If you are volunteering, Name, address, email and telephone numbers to the Jo, Paul or Sam as well as what you are volunteering for.

If you need a hand then ask either of the 3 co-ordinators. Please feel free to pass this email to your close family so they have contact details.

We hope that the People's Market will be able to deliver - they are on 02392 633965

The Old Forge Tea Rooms will be running a Coffee/Cake/snacks delivery service for as long as they can stay open and deliveries continue. They are on 02392 632452, also on Facebook.

Finally, please always follow Government Guidelines. If you are self isolating for whatever reason, then tell a family member or neighbour and one of the co-ordinators and also when you get better.

Please pass a copy of this email to neighbours/friends who are not on-line. Also to relatives who may be worried about you.

Any questions or suggestions to me please

Paul Quinn
Chair Parish Council

PS Apologies this article has been prepared at the last moment and my usual Chair's article removed - we will put it on the website and on the village newsletter.