

East Woodhay & Highclere Coronavirus Community Support



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We are here for you – one number to have:

- prescriptions delivered
- shopping collected
- a friendly chat on the phone

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Latest Government Guidance

Covid-19 is still with us and still a serious illness. Unfortunately, it is quite possible that you may have contracted Covid-19 and be spreading it without having any symptoms. Without a test you can never be sure.

That is why it is important we all still maintain the rules around social distancing. It is known that Covid-19 can last much less time in the open air rather than indoors. That is why the guidance is to only meet people from other households outdoors in a park or in your garden, not indoors.

From Monday in England, you will be able to meet in groups of up to six people from different households outside - either in parks or now also in private gardens - as long as you remain 2m (6ft) apart. But, if you have a picnic or a BBQ each household should bring its own food, plates cutlery etc to avoid spreading coronavirus through those items.

There is no longer any limit to the amount of time you can spend outside doing exercise, or in "open-air recreation" like sunbathing.

Households can also drive any distance in England to destinations such as parks and beaches. But they should not travel to Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, where the rules are different.

Government guidance is changing frequently, and new guidance is due out shortly. To access that information go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-safe-outside-your-home/staying-safe-outside-your-home> and look for updates to be published soon.

Remember it is the responsibility of everyone to use common sense to reduce the risk of Covid-19 spreading.

Woolton Hill Surgery

Prescription collection times are:

Monday 9am-6pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 1.30pm-6pm, Thursday 9am-1pm, Friday 9am-6pm

Please do not drop off prescription requests on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as they are kept aside for vulnerable patients.

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The House with 'No Name'

A few volunteers have kindly put some thoughts on their deliveries, and we thought this would be nice to share over a few weeks. Here is one from one of our regular drivers and volunteers, Mark Hetherton

As one of many volunteers eager to help and do some good for our community and neighbours. we can't wait to see where we will be sent today, who we may meet along the way, giving a respectful two metres distance a nod of the head.

We visit homes that are large and small, some along narrow lanes, passing fields, hedgerows and trees, the birdsong music to our ears and on reaching our destination the thanks for the delivery service.

We the ones who are out there are the lucky ones, delivering in the fresh spring air.

We thank the organisers, the planners, the tacticians, the generals sending out their troops to help the young and the old, the sick and those who just need a little help. We thank you one and all. So off we set along our way. First drop post code installed, where would we be without SAT NAV and 'Just Three Words'.



The name of the house is clearly spelt, the post code has delivered us to where we are. The house must be here. "You look left" I say to my wife, "I will look right". "Oh where are you house?". I take comfort from my wife "Keep calm love, it must be here somewhere, we still have hours of daylight". A passing cyclist stops to help, through a crack in the window and at distance she points and says "down that track to your right".

So down we go, the end is in sight. Now the day's all done. So, home we head for tea and a bun. I write our report to guide the next driver to his target, to the house on the hill or down that lane, you know that one with 'No Name'.

Bonfires

Basingstoke & Deane environmental health team is urging people at this time, not to have garden bonfires and to consider the problems that smoke is likely to cause their neighbours, particularly if they are unwell and having to isolate.

Please consider the fire risk in these tinder dry conditions; a single spark could start a serious fire and, remember, a fire should NEVER be left unattended.

There is no way to get away from smoke. Please be thoughtful, be kind and be fair.

For more information click [HERE](#)

Garden Waste Services

The information is still that garden waste customers will see a return to their fortnightly collection service from mid-June. More information will be provided as soon as Basingstoke & Deane Council provide further clarification.

For more information on the services click [HERE](#)

From the Rector: Revd Canon Christine Dale

It is so wonderful to see the continued community response of compassion and support in this time of need. It appears that some of the restrictions will be modified in the next few weeks and it will be so important that we continue to care for one another and be aware of each other.

It is an especially pressured time for our schools as they have needed to substantially adjust their working practice according to guidelines in order to plan to re-open for some children next week. They will also be keeping in touch with the children at home. I wish to thank our schools and all the teaching and admin staff for their hard work in these challenging times.

As things stand our church buildings remain closed. The Diocese of Winchester is beginning to consult parishes with a view to setting some guidelines to reopen our churches when the time is right. There will no doubt be many regulations that we will be required to follow and procedures to put in place. We will share more information when it is available.

This coming Sunday (31st May) is the festival of Pentecost and we continue our online worship with 11.00am Holy Communion. If you would like to join our e-mail circulation for details and joining codes for services please send your e-mail address to me (contact details below).

As in recent years these days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (21st-31st May) are a period of focused prayer for all Christian people to pray for God's Kingdom to come under the banner 'Thy Kingdom Come' (main website [here](#)). Clergy from our Deanery parishes (including Marvin and I) have taken it in turns to offer a reflection for each day and you can find these on the Whitchurch Deanery YouTube channel [here](#). (If you would just like to see what Marvin and I offered then you can find our contributions [here](#) and [here!!](#))



with every blessing to you all
Revd. Canon Christine Dale
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10 Day - Local Quiz

This time last year East Woodhay Society were celebrating another win in the Crafty Craft race along the canal in support of the nominated charity, Young People and Children First.

This small, local charity works with care leavers, providing accommodation in two supported houses and training in life skills such as budgeting, shopping, cooking, teamwork. Their aim is to prevent homelessness and help the young people secure apprenticeships or further education. They provide a bridge to independence at a crucial stage in a young person's life.

Much of their fundraising is through groups like ours taking part in races, marathons etc and that income has dried up through the lockdown. They need our help more than ever!

To celebrate their 10 year anniversary, they have launched a 10 in 10 challenge in June, and we are holding a 10 day quiz, via email, 'All about the Parish' from 10th June and we hope you will take part.

Full details of the quiz will be in next week's newsletter.

We are fundraising through our giving page [HERE](#).

Please email eastwoodhaysociety@gmail.com to sign up and for more details.



Photo courtesy of John Priest

The Chase – Latest news

The contractors started undertaking remediation works at The Chase two weeks ago and they are waiting for the latest results of the water samples taken.

Due to the topography of the site with the water course bisecting the site in two, it has been necessary to close the whole site to not only ensure the public's safety, but also provide a safe working environment for the pollution response contractors to operate in.

The team are looking forward to being able to reopen again in the near future but in the meantime please respect the 'closed' signs, do not move the bollards and keep away from the Chase.

Further updates will be made via these newsletters.

Shopping & Deliveries

Yew Tree Garden Centre :

The following have arrived this week: West Country Lupins, Verbascum Lavender Lass, Salvias, Geum Lady Stratheden, Geum Coral Tempest, Erysimum, Pelargonium Regalia Chocolate, Dianthus dwarf Starry Eyes, Thumbergia (Black-eyed Susan) Brownie and Fuchsia Sunday.

In addition they have artisan bread available in the Café area.



Honesty bakery & cafes reopening for takeaways "We are thrilled to be re-opening most of the coffee shops, Saddleback Farm Shop and Honesty Inkpen for takeaway next week. Honesty Inkpen will open from Wednesday 3rd June, Saddleback Farm Shop from Tuesday 2nd June and Honesty Hungerford, Kingsclere, Overton and Honesty at the Base on Tuesday 2nd June." Their brownies are certainly worth queuing for! For more details click [HERE](#)

Woodland Stores 01635 253651 and **Woolton Hill Stores/Post Office** (253463) are both well stocked, selling bread and cakes from Halls Bakery. Woodland Stores is now open on Saturday from 9am to 8pm.

Regular outlets:

The Rampant Cat – Woolton Hill for takeaway <http://www.rampantcatnewbury.co.uk>

Red House – Highclere for takeaway 01635 255 531 <https://www.thehighclereredhouse.com>

The Pheasant – Highclere, 01635 253360 <https://www.thepheasanthighclere.co.uk/blog>

The Blue Dolphin at Wash Common is open for collections Tues – Sat. Order on line [HERE](#)

Lusso pizza and ice cream, 01635 32128 <https://www.lussokitchen.co.uk>

Andrew North, **Fresh Fish**, car park - Highclere Red House at 2.30ish every Friday afternoon

Mio Fiore in Newbury takeaway service at <https://www.miofiore.co.uk>

Fancy **in home dining** then John at <https://www.casualdiningbyjohn.com/market-place>

Quizzes & Games

Chris Tarrant is quizmaster for the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust 7.30pm Tues June 1st Click [HERE](#)

Activities

For the whole family – 30 Days Wild! Sign up to the Wildlife Trust activities for every age group, take part from home. Click [HERE](#)

For Children – Cooking with 2 ingredients – see recipes [HERE](#)



For older children / teens Learn the principles of jewellery design in a series of short videos from Petra in Viables Click [HERE](#)

Adults - Learn a new skill – The Virtual Village Hall brings you a varied programme of online activities, some live streamed and others available to download. Themes range from using IT to baking, exercise and dance, arts and crafts. Click [HERE](#) for details

For elderly and those with neurological conditions – 6 Sessions of gentle, chair based yoga with tutor Julie Hand, cost £15 total. Click [HERE](#) to book online access.

Watch free live stream performances

- **TAKE THAT with Robbie Williams** from Meerkat Music Friday 29th May 8pm [HERE](#)

From the National Theatre – **This House by James Graham** available on YouTube from Thursday evening 7pm. To find out more, click [HERE](#)

Walking in the area

Following our piece in last week's newsletter Norman Powers, from the History Society has been in touch to say:

'the History Society have a number of illustrated walks in the parish we sell them at £1.50 each and I can supply them. If anyone is interested, please phone me (254154) and we can discuss either me delivering or they could collect; I will have social distancing in place'.

Next Newsletter

The following newsletter will be issued next week. You can request to receive this newsletter directly by registering via the website below:

www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk

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