

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

01635 745 600

<http://www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk>

Neighbourcare - Prescriptions

As lockdown eases and the weather, perversely, takes a downward turn, it is worth remembering that Neighbourcare will still deliver prescriptions for **anyone** who asks, to your door, **free of charge**.

For **repeat prescriptions**, all you need to do when you're advised that your medication is ready is:

- Contact us by calling **01635 745600**, where your details will be logged and your prescription delivered, usually by lunchtime the next day. The phone lines are manned between 9am- 5pm, Monday to Friday, but out of these hours there is a voicemail service.
- You can also request a delivery online by clicking [HERE](#) and clicking on the 'request a prescription delivery' in the centre of the page. You will be taken to a screen where you can list your details which will be picked up by one of the Neighbourcare co-ordinators and your request actioned for the next available delivery day.
- If you have been prescribed medication as the result of a consultation with a doctor then you need do nothing, the surgery will action the '**acute**' prescription which will be collected and delivered to you that day.

It is important to note the approximate delivery times for prescription deliveries:-

- **Repeat prescriptions** are collected by Neighbourcare drivers at 11am, Monday to Friday and delivered in the next hour or two dependent on the number of prescriptions to be delivered.
- '**Acute**' prescriptions are collected from the surgery twice a day, at 12.30pm and 6pm and again, dependent on numbers, will be delivered in the next hour or two.

If you have requested a delivery please make sure you are at home during the appropriate time, if you are not there to receive it your medication may be returned to the surgery and have to wait for the next delivery. Drivers will put medication where it can be reached from the door, ring or knock and step back to socially distance and wait for someone to answer.

This service is designed to help the surgery by reducing the number of casual callers into the surgery, and patients by removing the possibility of queuing at the surgery, socially distancing and waiting their turn to go in and collect their medication.

Prescription deliveries have been taking place since mid-March, with over 2,400 deliveries, taking patients the medication they need, safely delivered to their door.

Neighbourcare will continue to provide this service for as long as circumstances dictate it is needed, for use by anyone who is a patient of Woolton Hill or Kintbury surgery.

Covid-19 Latest News

Changes for how single adult households – adults who live alone or with dependent children only – can see people they do not live with

From 13 June, if you live by yourself or are a single parent with dependent children – in other words, if there is only one adult in your home – you can expand your support network so that it includes one other household of any size. This is called making a 'support bubble' and means you are able to meet indoors or out, be less than 2 metres apart and stay overnight as you could if they were members of your own household.

This change is designed to provide extra support to some of those most impacted by the current social restrictions. Once you are in a support bubble, you can think of yourself as in a single household. There are key principles for how you can form a support bubble safely. These are critical to keeping you – and your friends and family – safe and saving lives:

- support bubbles should be exclusive – you should not change who is in your bubble or have close contact with anyone else you do not live with. This is critical to keeping you, and your family and friends, safe.
- if you or someone in your support bubble is showing coronavirus symptoms, or otherwise self-isolating, everyone in your support bubble should stay home. If you or a member of your support bubble is contacted as part of the test and trace programme, the individual contacted must stay at home. If the individual becomes symptomatic, everyone in the support bubble must then isolate

Unfortunately, it is not advised for anyone who is shielding to form a household bubble at this stage. Those who are shielding are still advised to maintain strict social distancing and stay 2 metres apart from others – including those they live with. The Government will be setting out further advice for this specific group next week. For further information click [HERE](#)

The Chase – Now Open

Hollie Ryan (The Chase Visitor Experience Manager) who has kindly kept us informed over the past few weeks of the remediation works has sent us the good news that the Chase is now open.

'I am really pleased to announce that The Chase is now open. Thank you for your patience while we were closed to allow for the remediation works to be undertaken following the pollution incident on 5th May.

You will find some absorbent booms in parts of the water which were used to remove kerosene that was present in the water course. Whilst most of the remediation work has been completed to allow the site to be re-opened to the public. There remains some minor works to complete so the booms will remain in situ for this period.

You may notice scorch marks in the carpark area, unfortunately the pollution response contractor's storage area was vandalised during the weekend of 16th/17th May and some drums were set alight. What remains has molten into the tarmac but poses no risk to the visiting public. It is hoped that a later date this area of tarmac may be replaced when funds become available.

Thank you again for your patience. Best wishes - Hollie Ryan'

Garden Waste – Collections Starting

As a reminder, garden waste collections are restarting next week for existing customers. All customers should soon be receiving a letter confirming their exact details.

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 continues to be so important that we care for one another and be aware of each other.

During June we continue to hold our services online. Last Sunday we held a Family Service as well as a Eucharist and some 70 folk joined us for worship. This coming Sunday (14th June) we are online at 11.00am for Holy Communion and 6pm for Evensong. 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).



On 6th June we were pleased to hear the government announce that 'church buildings can open up for supervised individual prayer from June 15'.

As you may imagine we have been issued with extensive guidelines and advice as to how to do this safely in current circumstances. So, I have met with churchwardens this week and we are putting in place good practice regarding social distancing, hand sanitizing and general hygiene. Connected to this we understand that for now a church building must be supervised when open.

As it is difficult to ensure a deep clean of a historic building our best option in reducing risk of transmission of coronavirus is to keep a church building closed after use for 72 hours. So please be patient with us! It will inevitably be a slow beginning to re-opening.

We are however keen to make a cautious start and to make our places of worship available for those quiet and contemplative moments we all need from time to time. We are planning the following opening times to begin next week. These are subject to change and we will ensure that notices outside our churches give correct information.

Wednesdays 2-4pm
Fridays 10am-12noon
Sundays 2pm-4pm
Saturdays 2pm-4pm

St Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill
St Michael & All Angels', Highclere
St Martin's Church, East Woodhay
St James', Ashmansworth
(perhaps open twice a month start date yet to be confirmed)

with every blessing to you all
Revd. Canon Christine Dale
(e-mail: cdale001@btinternet.com, Tel. 01635 253323)

Patients of Kintbury & WH GP Surgery Survey

To all patients registered with the Kintbury & Woolton Hill GP surgery:

Healthwatch West Berkshire (of which our surgeries are a part) has launched a survey to hear about people's health and care experiences in the current crisis and thoughts for the future. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to complete the survey.

Hampshire Volunteering Survey

Hampshire County Council are conducting a survey to understand the impact of COVID-19 on volunteering across the county. The information will be used to support volunteering going forward. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the link to the survey, which takes approximately seven minutes to complete.

Face Masks

If you would like to make your own Face Masks, here is a pattern. Click [HERE](#)

A link to the original website is [HERE](#):

If you are not able, one of our volunteers, Sue Wakelin, is making and selling cotton face masks and donating 50% to NHS Charities. So far, she has made about 130. Sue is charging £5 each for the masks and she can be contacted on: susiewakelin@aol.com for details.



Beware of Latest Scam

There are a number of scams which have started on the back of the Covid-19 pandemic. One particular one is that people are being contacted by scammers pretending they are from the NHS Test and Trace service.

When they phone, they tell you that you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus and that you need to self-isolate and pay for a test. They ask you to confirm your address so they can send the test and then ask for payment details.

This is false!

The NHS Test and Trace service is FREE and will not:

- ask for bank details or payments.
- ask for details of any other accounts, such as social media
- ask you to set up a password or PIN number over the phone
- ask you to call a premium rate number, such as those starting 09 or 087

Click [HERE](#) for more details

Waste Recycling Centres

A new booking system in place in Hampshire for Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)

From Monday 15 June you must have an appointment to visit an HWRC in Hampshire otherwise you will be turned away.

You can only make one trip to one HWRC in a week (Monday to Sunday).

Do not visit an HWRC if you are in self-isolation or if you have Covid-19 symptoms.

The appointment booking system has been set up to help manage demand during the coronavirus pandemic and there will be a limited number of appointments available between 9am and 6pm every day. To book an appointment click [HERE](#): Then locate your nearest HWRC, which is likely to be Basingstoke or Andover, and complete the requested information. You will need to enter the registration of the vehicle you will be bringing to the site. If you bring a different vehicle to the site, you will be turned away.

When you book online you will also be asked to provide your email address which will be used to email you a confirmation of your booking. Alternatively, you can also call [02380 179 949](tel:02380179949), Monday to Friday 9am to 5:30pm.

You can only book a slot up to 48 hours in advance and not before.

A similar system is already operating at the **West Berks site at Newtown Road**, Newbury and Padworth for those who have permits to use them. To book an appointment there click [HERE](#) or call **01635 519080**.

For further details on how to book and what you can and cannot dispose of at these sites: Click [HERE](#) for Hampshire or [HERE](#) for West Berks:

Woolton Hill Schools – Proposed Federation

Please do participate - information is included on the flyer included below:



5th June 2020

CONSULTATION FOR THE PROPOSED FEDERATION BETWEEN ST THOMAS' COE INFANT SCHOOL AND WOOLTON HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Two Schools, One Community, One Vision

To Whom This May Concern,

At a joint governing body meeting held on 4th June 2020, the Governing Bodies of St Thomas' CoE Infant School and Woolton Hill Junior School approved the recommendation to consult parents, staff and the local community on a proposal to create a federation of the two schools.

The consultation will run between **5th June and 17th July**.

A copy of the Consultation Letter may be obtained by contacting us via one of the e-mail addresses below or by visiting the school websites. Comments in response are welcome and should be received no later than 12pm on 17th July 2020.

1. By email

a.governor@st-thomas.hants.sch.uk
c.governors@whjs.hants.sch.uk

2. Complete our *Online Response Form*

Visit the school websites to complete our anonymous Online Response Form.

3. Video or Phone calls

Available upon request through the aforementioned e-mail contacts.

4. By post

Write to our school offices. Envelopes should be marked for the attention of the *Chair of Governors* and be clearly marked *Federation*.

Woolton Hill Junior School
Woolton Hill, RG20 9XE

St Thomas' CoE Infant School
Woolton Hill, RG20 9XF

The outcomes will then be reported to the two Governing Bodies on 17th July 2020, and a decision will be made whether or not to federate.

With best wishes,

Steve Waite (Chair of Governors, St Thomas' CoE Infant School)
Sarah Rolls (Chair of Governors, Woolton Hill Junior School)

For more information click [HERE](#) for St Thomas Infants and [HERE](#) for Woolton Hill Juniors

Shopping & Deliveries

Yew Tree Garden Centre: *Latest news from today:*

Lots of plants have arrived. Fresh herbs, hanging basket plants including petunia surfinias, mini petunias, and Bacopa, herbaceous perennials and patio plants including geraniums and Begonia Glowing Embers.

Woodland Stores 01635 253651 and **Woolton Hill Stores/Post Office** (253463) are both well stocked, selling bread and cakes from Halls Bakery.

Regular Food Outlets & Takeaways:

The Rampant Cat – Woolton Hill for takeaway Click [HERE](#)

Red House – Highclere for takeaway 01635 255 531 Click [HERE](#)

The Pheasant – Highclere, 01635 253360 Click [HERE](#)

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

Lusso pizza and ice cream, 01635 32128 Click [HERE](#)

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

Mio Fiore in Newbury takeaway service Click [HERE](#)

Fancy high quality **in home dining?** then John can supply Click [HERE](#) for more detail

Honesty bakery & cafes - for takeaways. For more details click [HERE](#)

The Rural Supply - Locally sourced produce supporting small businesses. Click [HERE](#) for detail.

The Coffee House –Delivered in Woolton Hill, Highclere, Ball Hill - Phone Brenda 01189 712850

The Rural Pie Company are delivering on 20th June – Click [HERE](#) for detail.

Quizzes & Games

There's only one quiz this week – The East Woodhay fundraiser for Young People and Children First!

Thank you so much to all who have signed up for the 10 day local quiz for YPACF, working to provide 'a bridge to independence' for care leavers.

We've only just started, and it's not too late to join the fun – if you sign up we will send copies of all questions to date along with the daily challenge of 'where is this?' and 'what is THAT?' photographs.

We ask you to donate £5 to take part by clicking [HERE](#) and put your name and 'QUIZ' in the comments. Then email eastwoodhaysociety@gmail.com and you will receive a few questions by email each day until June 19th.

Thank you!

Activities

Gardens Open! Some gardens are now opening under The National Garden Scheme. Pre-Booking is essential. To see local gardens open over the next week, click [HERE](#)

ISOLATING & love gardens? For virtual tours of NGS gardens with chat from the owners(including Miranda Hart) click [HERE](#)

For Children – scavenger hunts, curiosity challenges and learning resources from Hampshire's top attractions Click [HERE](#)

For teens – 20 + activities for teens which are, apparently, not totally lame or remotely embarrassing! Click [HERE](#)

Watch free live stream performances

- Explore a range of live music and theatre options available [HERE](#)

- from the National Theatre – **The Madness of George III** starring Mark Gatiss available on YouTube from Thursday evening 7pm. To find out more, click [HERE](#)

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The following newsletter will be issued next week. You can request to receive this newsletter directly by registering via the website Click [HERE](#)

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