

# 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**

### Fire in Woolton Hill

We were shocked and saddened by the dreadful fire at Woolton Lodge Gardens in Woolton Hill on Tuesday evening.

Two houses were destroyed but thankfully no one was hurt. Thanks must go to Hampshire Fire and Rescue who worked through the night to control the blaze and stop it spreading. The Borough Council and other authorities were made aware of the incident at an early stage and are standing by to offer assistance to anyone involved when required. The emergency services have expressed their thanks to all those who gave them refreshments throughout the evening.

There has been a tangible sense of shock in the village and we know much help has already been offered by the community and friends. All our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to those who lost their homes and those who live in the surrounding area and witnessed such frightening scenes.

Our support network is here to help too as best we can, so if you have been affected by this and need some support - or just want to talk through what you saw and experienced please be in touch. Our number is **01635 745 600**

### The Chase

One consequence of the fire has been a leakage of heating oil and other pollutants across the road and into the Chase. As a result, the Chase has had to be closed whilst an assessment of the pollution and a clean-up takes place.

Please do not ignore the closure signs. Very often pollution is not apparent to the naked eye but can be spread unintentionally by feet walking over the area or by animals, particularly dogs. The pollution may be harmful to them when they try to clean themselves after coming in contact with it. Go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-chase> to get the latest update.

This is a message from Hollie Ryan – the Visitor Experience Manager for The Chase:

*This period of closure will allow us to assess the impact on the watercourse here and allow our contractors to operate safely, whilst they undertake any remediation works. We appreciate your support and look forward to being able to reopen again in the near future.*

*I will do a weekly update about how the clean-up is going. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on [hollie.ryan@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:hollie.ryan@nationaltrust.org.uk).*



## Reopening of Recycling Centres

The two Hampshire recycling centres serving our area at Wade Road in Basingstoke and Scotts Close, Andover will reopen next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. However, there is no firm news so far on the reopening of the West Berks, Newtown Road site though West Berks tell us it is hoped to reopen the site by the end of next week or the beginning of the week after, subject to resolving some practical issues. Permits are still valid but please check with West Berks before you think of going in case entry procedures change at <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/recyclingcentres>

New rules will apply at the Hampshire sites because of coronavirus. Use of sites is only for disposal of waste which if stored could cause a risk of injury or to health  
As per government guidelines, residents in the specified vulnerable category (those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, people over 70 and pregnant women) are strongly advised not to visit a site. For full details visit: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/coronavirus>

## VE Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

We do hope you have had a good day celebrating VE Day. And a reminder of the toast. *“To those who gave so much, we thank you”*. This is also very relevant today.

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council have marked the VE Day 75 through a number of videos

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/ve-day>



A selection of photos taken today around East End:



## From the Rector: Revd Canon Christine Dale



A continued heartfelt thank you to our fantastic volunteers involved with East Woodhay & Highclere Coronavirus Community Support for everything that they are doing to support our communities.

It remains the case that we must keep our church buildings closed and cannot hold public worship. We do however continue to pray and please do contact me with any prayer requests. Online Zoom services are going well and this coming Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> May) we are online at 11am for Holy Communion and at 6.00pm for Evensong. If you would like to join our e-mail circulation for details and joining codes for these services please send your e-mail address to me (contact details below).

This newsletter is being released on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. It is a sadness that we are unable to hold any community commemorations at our war memorials today but we have prepared two videos to mark the occasion which are available on YouTube and via our Facebook page (**North West Hampshire Benefice** [www.facebook.com/nwhbchurches](http://www.facebook.com/nwhbchurches)):

- Revd Canon Christine Dale reflects on the anniversary of VE Day at our war memorials [here](#).
- The East Woodhay History Society remembers the fallen of the civic parish of East Woodhay from the Second World War – their video is [here](#).

with every blessing to you all

Revd. Canon Christine Dale  
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## Making Face Masks

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

A link to the original website:  
<https://sarahmaker.com/how-to-sew-a-surgical-face-mask-for-hospitals-free-pattern/>



## Shopping & Deliveries

For all the details on Shopping and Deliveries in the area go to [www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk/resources](http://www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk/resources)  
this page has been updated with the latest information.

If you know of a local business who can deliver to residents in our area, could you please add their details to the form on this same page [www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk/resources](http://www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk/resources)

### Cheese

Tony Hammond, the Cheese Agent from Woolton Hill Village Market, is starting a local cheese club, offering fortnightly local deliveries. He'll supply 4 cheeses (a blue, brie, cheddar and goust) every fortnight to those who sign up. The cost is £12 per delivery and you get 500-600g of cheese each time. There will be a mixture of true artisan and more general cheeses, but all from smaller dairies and products you don't always see in the supermarkets. They'll deliver directly to your house, with payment by bank transfer after each delivery.

They will run this whilst interest lasts and until lockdown ends.  
For details, please contact Tony via Facebook [The Cheese Agent](#) or email - [thecheeseagent@hammond.plus.com](mailto:thecheeseagent@hammond.plus.com). Or on **07766 244978**.

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

**The Yew Tree Garden Centre** open up their online ordering (<https://yewtreegc.co.uk>) at 2pm each day. Phone lines (01635 255 250) 9am-12pm Mon – Sat They do 'Click & Collect' as well as delivery.

**Woodland Stores** post regularly on Facebook ( link here) and they have regular deliveries of meat, fish, bread, eggs.... Just go to **Cook & Butchers** page and have a look at what you may like and then give Woodlands a call on 01635 253651.

**Woolton Hill Stores/Post Office** (253463) are also well stocked. Thanks for those early morning paper deliveries and also helping those who are isolating by dropping off shopping.

There is new take-away menu at the Red House - take a look 01635 255 531  
<https://www.thehighclereredhouse.com>

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

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

## Keeping Yourself Amused

**Free short courses with the OU** The Open University offers over 900 FREE short courses across a full range of subjects, ranging from 1 hour to 50+ hours of study, which can be completed at home at your own pace. Click [HERE](#) to access.

**Family creative LEGO challenge** - Starting Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Base at Greenham offers a week of building challenges with LEGO. Monday starts with 'build the tallest tower' then Tuesday 'build a boat that floats' – to see the rest of the week and read more details of how to enter Click [HERE](#)

**Adventures at home** - Every day the Guiding organisation posts a different activity – this week's ranged from an RAF challenge for amazing reinventions to the astronomical society 'how would you move around on other planets?' Take a look on the Facebook page [HERE](#) for the next challenges.

**Wednesday Singalong sessions** - Enjoy a gentle physical and vocal warm up before singing along to well-known songs from a range of genres – May 13<sup>th</sup> includes songs from the Lion King and Sound of Music as well as Elvis and the Monkees! Download the lyrics and pre-book the zoom session [HERE](#)

**Newbury Spring Festival Music Clips** - May Spring Festival cannot take place this year, but there are short video clips of many of the performers, showing the breadth of music from classical to acapella to steel bands Click [HERE](#) to view from Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Open Studios** – on line. The work of over 100 West Berks & North Hampshire 2D & 3D artists is now on show in an online exhibition [HERE](#) You can also follow on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) and contact the artists to see more.

**Watermill Theatre at home.** For children, teens and adults - each week there is a schedule of Q&A sessions with theatre designers, directors etc. and on-line workshops – all free to join. Tuesday evenings are for teens and adults, e.g. May 12<sup>th</sup> – costume design. Click [HERE](#)

**Watch live theatre** - This week's free live theatre screening from the National Theatre is **Antony and Cleopatra, starring Sophie Okonedo and Ralph Fiennes**, available on YouTube from Thursday evening 7pm. To find out more, click [HERE](#)

Local artist Jean Maye has linked up a series of six episodes under the heading **CORONA CONNECTIONS**. Each episode is filmed solely on skype and all the characters are on lockdown. Episodes 1 and 2 have been released. Click [HERE](#)



Thanks to Woolton Hill Junior School for this wonderful banner.  
This can be seen on their entrance gates

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## 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](http://www.ewhneighbourcare.org.uk)

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