

Little Bealings Parish Council

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Dear Parishioner

Coronavirus – Covid 19

I am writing further to my letter of 23 March, aware that not everyone in Little Bealings is able to receive the enews items sent by bealingsplayfordnews@gmail.com This letter also contains some updates you may find useful.

You cannot read a newspaper or listen to the news without seeing or hearing of the devastating effect Covid 19 is having on everyone's lives. During this time, and for however long it takes to return to normal, we need to be vigilant yet supportive of each other.

For specific advice about Covid 19 Call 111 or visit: nhs.uk/coronavirus

Local Support in Little Bealings

I know that in 'lower' Little Bealings, a support network has been established. If you live on the 'village side' of the railway line and you haven't received a letter about it, then contact Jane Mardell on 07775 721768, or Colin Hopkins on 07860 185172. We hear it is already working well and do contact them if you need help.

For those living in Beacon Lane, Martlesham Road and Playford Road, a volunteer co-ordinator of offers of help with shopping etc would be welcome, but I am confident we can rely on neighbours to assist the vulnerable, elderly and those in self-isolation, without a formal network, if that is more practical where residents are spread out along busy roads.

A resident in Little Bealings has also offered to deliver free wood to any elderly resident needing help to stay warm. Please contact us for further details.

If you do consider yourself vulnerable without the support of family, friends or neighbours or know of anyone that you consider to be vulnerable and without a support network in place, please contact us and we will try to arrange something.

Shopping

For essential shopping some stores are assigning specific hours for the vulnerable to shop and updates will no doubt be on their websites:

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/> Martlesham Store: 01473 623482

<https://www.tesco.com/> 03456 779456 <https://www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/> 0800 636262

<https://www.waitrose.com/> 0800 188884 <https://www.coop.co.uk/> Hasketon Road, Woodbridge:
01394 383202

And local farm shops and independent shops of course still need our support and may even be easier to visit. The All Saints Church shop can be opened by appointment. Please contact Corinne Jarvis on 07810 355511 for details of stock.

Prayer

If you would like to speak to a Church minister or would like prayer guidance, you are welcome to contact the Rev Gary Jones, Assistant Priest at All Saints Church Kesgrave, on 07714 614095 gary.jones590@ntlworld.com

Council Services

Whilst we find ourselves in these uncharted waters, the Parish Council will continue to function albeit using delegated powers, email and other media. We are taking advice from the National and Suffolk Associations of Local Councils to ensure that any decision which needs to be made and cannot be postponed is done so properly and in line with the legal advice we are receiving.

East Suffolk Council service information is here:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The ESC emergency out of hours number is 0800 440 2516

ESC has now suspended collections of garden waste until further notice.

Suffolk County Council has this information link:<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/services-affected-by-coronavirus/>

You may recall that our County Councillor, Robin Vickery, was to step down this year as our local Councillor but with the elections delayed for a year and with his health suffering, Matthew Hicks, the SCC leader, has assigned County Councillor Andrew Reid to represent us for the present.

Exercise and Footpaths

We are extremely lucky to have a network of public footpaths. For those not used to being at home during the day and who wish to explore them, our Local Walks Leaflet is here:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/about-little-bealings/walks/> (Please do let us know if you spot any updates needed where routes have changed slightly.) **You must follow the Countryside Code:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code>

Please check news channels for national advice on whether it is appropriate to be outside and maintain safe distances from other walkers. Gardening may be a better option for many!

Keep safe.

Ian Ransome

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