

Newick Community Response

Support and Help during the Corvid-19 Pandemic (Issue 2)

We find ourselves in an unprecedented position, and the effects of the Coronavirus continue to change daily. For the past week St Mary's Church, Newick Parish Council, the village pastoral care team and many wonderful volunteers have been working closely together to support our community.

So far we have set up Newick Community Response (NCR) email newickcommunityresponse@gmail.com for Parishioners who need help and people able to help. Leaflets have been delivered far and wide with the email address and several key contact numbers for those without internet access. The facebook group 'Newick Community Response Covid 19 – Mutual Aid' has been set up which is growing fast. The website www.newickcovid19.org.uk has been launched this week and there is an additional Covid 19 tab to the Newick.net website to link to this central source of information. Sadly, following the measures announced on 23rd March St Mary's Church is now closed for worship, except for funeral services and these will be restricted to immediate family only with social distancing applied. The playpark at KGVPF will be locked until further notice.

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone for their offers of help, time and energy. We have been blown away by the willingness of the community to support each other. Newick is a truly special place to live.

The new measures may be tough for many people used to daily contact, a quick phone call will help with isolation and boost morale. You are already best placed to know the people who live around you. If you are aware of any of your neighbours who fall within the vulnerable group and are without a family, please contact Patsy Bailey on 01825 722590 or Rev Paul on 01825 723186.

If you can contribute financially by making a donation to the work of the Newick Trust or need financial assistance yourself, please contact Geoff Clinton on 01825 722512 or Rev Paul on 01825 723186.

Many local businesses are now offering deliveries. These include;

- The local MILKMAN – Jim Marsh on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 0345 606 3606
- Grassington Farm eggs – organiceggs2yourdoor@outlook.com
- Nose to tail butchers (free local delivery of food boxes) 01825 509164

Home delivery of meals and lunches are available from;

- The Pantry call on 01825 721118
- The Royal Oak on 01825 722506 (who also have a pop up shop)
- Five Bells Chailey 01825 722259 (within 3 miles, also delivering veg boxes)

Frozen meal deliveries available from many providers including Wiltshire Farm Foods (01323 760008) and Cook (cookfood.net)

Parents and carers - please only send in registered students into school and please don't send even them in if an adult is at home or you trust them to be at home alone. The more we keep people away from each other the better for everyone's health. The measures announced on 23rd March are very clear and exclude our young people from meeting with friends.

Full details of the government measures can be found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus Current medical advice is changing regularly so please CHECK UPDATES. More information on: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, your condition gets worse or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days. Use the online 111 system: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>. Or call 111 (only if you cannot help online).

This is a worrying time for many, and the Samaritans can be contacted free by calling 116 123 at any time, from any phone.

There are lots of people in our community who are ready and willing to assist you, do not be afraid to ask for help. It is at times like this that we must continue to work together, let's do what we do best, look after each other.

Please keep in touch.

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