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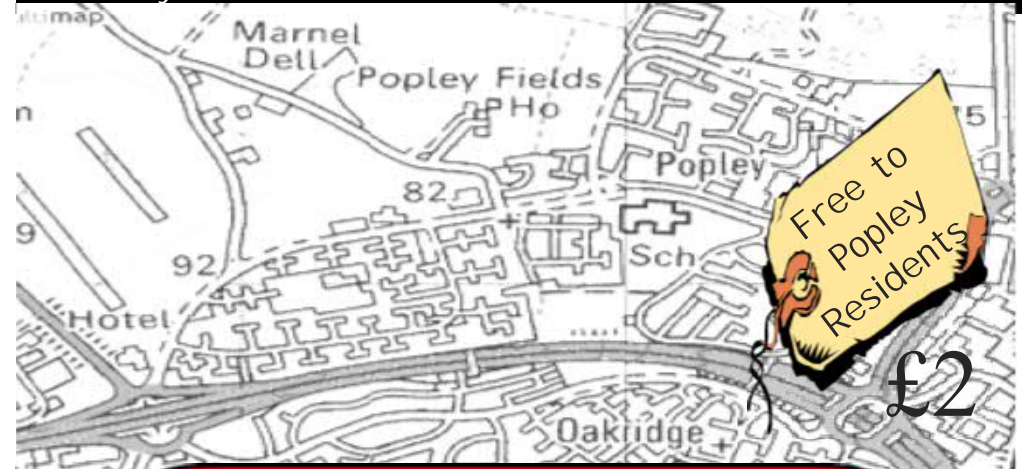
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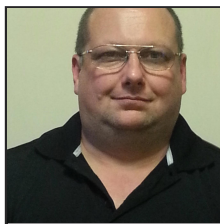
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: This is the second month we have done Popley Matters digitally for as long as the lockdown measures continue. Tell your friends and family if they want to read or put any article or advert in that we are still open for business as they say. It does appear that according to the Government we are past the peak and they will start to relax the Lockdown, but I am very sceptical after other countries found they started too early and there may be a second spike. Like many others I am looking forward to being able to hug my friends and family members again. There is some sound advice on pages 16 and 17. Now we are online the links will work if you click on them.

We are doing a competition on page 19 for prizes of five specially designed T shirts donated by Aurbi designs. Next month we will do a competition for the children for a signed book from Sue Lawrence a very well-known local author, so watch out for that next month. Stories, poems or drawings on "Staying at Home" so perhaps you can be practicing in readiness for it? Thank you to all the people who did "Stay at Home, Save the NHS and Save Lives and continue to do so. I know it's hard but it will help to save lives and it will help to get us back to normality. It will be tough for a lot of businesses to start up again and people get back to work, hopefully not too many people will lose their jobs. We as a community owe a great deal to our Frontline and Keyworkers, now I think above all it has shown us who the country really rely on to keep things ticking over and the importance there is on our day to day lives. So a big thank you from Paul and I and the Popley Matters team. In our other role as local Councillors I know we have been very busy as casework still needs to be done. Please take care and stay safe. Email or phone on 01256 819924, or e-mail me editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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We have been extremely busy supporting our vulnerable members and making the referrals to Spotlight for food parcels and helping with getting food and supplies to several of our other members in our community. We are also working with Oasis cafe that's based inside the URC church and offering our members a hot meal and pudding at a cost of £5 a day the meals. They are well and truly gratefully received by our members. What's better they get to see me out delivering them that breaks up their long lonely day, of course adhering to the guidelines we have a 10 minute natter. We have cancelled all other activities until further notice even the group holiday in July has been cancelled to Brembrigde in the I.O.W which we had a really good show of members wishing to go on.

We are continuing offering befriending service via telephone link and supporting our members where we can. Times are hard, days long and boring for all our members. I'm lucky to have secured some books and puzzles from the community which I shall be dropping off to our members. If anyone has any puzzles 500 pieces or more that they would like to donate or books please get in contact with myself. Together we can stop loneliness and isolation within our community.

Please contact me on 07720680403 or at Together we can beat covid-19 a huge thank-you to all NHS staff, carers, shop workers and especially to Spotlight who have also been working so hard with the taxi drivers also getting food supplies out to those that are in need.

**Many thanks be safe, stay indoors
Francesca**

Over 55s Forum

Due to the coronavirus there is not much to report, only to say that we had to cancel our Executive committee meeting on the 6th April and also our "Open" Forum meeting on the 8th April, if this situation continues we will be looking at cancelling our Executive committee meetings for the 11th May and 8th June. Although we are cancelling our "Open" Forum meetings we are still looking at sending members our bi-monthly Newsletter.

Trips have also been cancelled 27th March "Afternoon at the Pictures"- 16th April "Riverdance" at the Mayflower, Southampton - 17th April 4 day break to Warners at Hayling Island, no decision has been made yet concerning the 5 day break to Northumbria from the 28th May 2020.

More good news when this virus has gone.
Stay safe.



Message from the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Cllr Diane Taylor

I have always noted that humans are great adjusters. Whenever there is a difficult and significant change in our lives, perhaps a death or illness or relationship break-up, we can feel that we will never get used to it... but somehow, with time, we always manage to adjust to our "new normal" and get on with life in its different format.

If you had told me last year that in Spring 2020 I would be confined to my home for weeks on end, working forever at the computer, not meeting people face-to-face, queueing to get into food shops, unable to attend a single public meeting or event, I would have been horrified. How can I live like that? Guess what – I can! Like everyone who is either completely isolated for health reasons or, at the other end of the scale, working all hours to save the lives of dangerously ill people, somehow we humans adjust and find a way to get on with life.

One of the final public duties of my Mayoral year would have been to lead the celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8 May. Needless to say, there will be no public event to mark this significant occasion – just a video of me at the War Memorial at 10am on that morning which will go out on social media.

However, can I encourage everyone to find a way – perhaps in the afternoon at about 3pm – to raise a glass or a tea cup in your own homes in celebration of a victory that brought us the great life that we are privileged to lead today.

The resilience, courage and determination of this nation during World War Two astounds me. Let's celebrate the outcome of a war that logically we should have lost – but, with our great allies, we won! And what's more, we will win the Coronavirus war too!

In the meantime, please stay safe by staying at home unless it's for an essential journey as outlined by the government and help to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

If you are a vulnerable resident self-isolating due to an increased risk of illness, and have no friends or family nearby, you can register for support to access food supplies and collection of prescriptions. Call the Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline on 0333 370 4000, available seven days a week, from 9am to 5pm or visit for more information.



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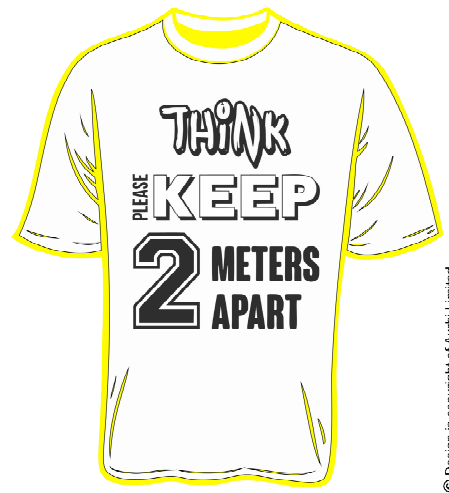
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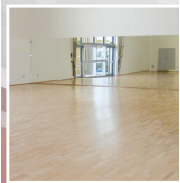
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We would like to thank all the parents for all their continued support over the last few weeks; we have seen really good engagement from the students as they have completed the work that has been set for them. Please check our website for any updates . We continue to be open to students of key workers and any vulnerable students, please email info@everestcommunityacademy.org if you need to contact anyone within the school.

Take care and stay safe

Bermuda Community Hall

Tiny steps pre-school starting soon, for further details ring Helen or Connie on 07907815270

There are lots of activities going on at Bermuda Hall, come along and join in!

Monday from 6:30pm to 8pm we have kick boxing.



Tuesday night is bingo night New members are welcome! Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm and finishes around 10pm. Refreshments are available.

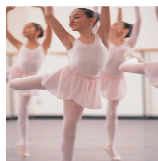
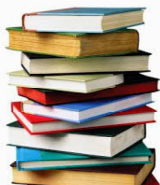


Wednesday is yoga night with Lou Bedford. It starts at 6:15pm and finishes at 7:15pm, for more details ring Lou Bedford on 07753109222 or at www.loubefordyoga.co.uk



Come along on a Thursday night for street dance and ballet 4:30pm to 6:30pm for details ring Samantha Pike on 07811299484

Friday Club is available to infants/juniors Yr R to Yr 6 at 6pm to 7:15pm. There are many activities for the children to get involved in: singing, super book animated bible stories, games, tuck shop and more. Friday Club is now free.



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MFC Popley Youth, FA Charter Standard Development Club and Nike Partner Club, has a dedicated club page on

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We also have a dedicated club shop website where you can purchase kit and accessories - For more information, or if you have any queries, please contact the club through our main website: or on any of the above social media platforms.

Zak Collingwood

County Councillor Report: Paul and I had a virtual meeting with officers of Hampshire County Council with regard to the next phase of new and improving paths now that the work is nearly completed in Popley East.

Phase 1 A - Provision of Missing footway link and conversion of existing Refuge to uncontrolled crossing point- (*This is priority number 1 in terms of funds allocation and delivery*).

Phase 2 works- Abbey Road Provision of a footway link from the Bus stop to Tintern Close) Improvements to route between Abbey court/Mangolia Court through to the shops on Abbey Road and the Bus Stop on Popley Way

Provision of missing footway link, associated crossing facilities and improvements to the current alignment to make the route more direct. *Budget permitting, the works on Abbey Road to be integrated with the adjusting of Steep Drop Curbs on Abbey Road. Officers will also consider whether this can/should be funded from other programmes. This is to improve accessibility for those with reduced mobility and buggies. A site visit will be needed to identify the number of dropped curbs that need to be adjusted. We felt reassured that the items we brought up will be considered.* Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk.

Popley West: Although like so many other people we are in isolation the work as Councillors still seems as busy as ever in the ward and meetings with officers as Councillors are virtual or by phone or email Wen. We are as always contactable, our contact details as usual are at the bottom of the page.

The fortnightly collection was unavoidable given the reduction in staff due to the pandemic by virtue of their job touching and emptying 2000 grey bins a day some of the staff have been ill. Some have had to be isolated because of family members and safety issues. We are assured it is temporary and will be reviewed. As we write this it is the first week that the grey bin will be missed. The council have issued a helpful guidelines on page 5.

There was a lot of builders debris in Marnel Park and we contacted David Wilson Homes who apologised and sent someone out to clear it up the day after it was reported how refreshing for a developer to admit ,apologise and act on it.

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Popley East: Hope your virtual edition is going well.

From Janet's and my perspective there isnt much we want included thank you except our basic information please and also to say we are still dealing with case work where we can. We arent going out to meet residents but we deal with problems in all other ways.

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6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter



Unfortunately, Boys' Brigade HQ made the decision to halt meetings starting in March until further notice due to the ongoing situation with the coronavirus.

Thankfully they also released a series of activities for our young people to do even whilst they are at home. These activities and lessons are designed to keep them active and to learn. They can visit the website and look for the #BBatHome section for lots to do.

Even with the lockdown in place the 6th Basingstoke staff are not resting on their laurels; they are hard at work planning for the annual camping trip, lesson planning for next year (can never be too prepared) and staying connected with our members so they know we are there for them if they need us.

You've probably heard/read it a thousand times but we would like to remind everyone, not just our members, that we need to abide by the rules of the lockdown. Only go out for essentials, take advantage of the 1-hour exercise but don't abuse it, and always make sure you are at least 2 meters away from anyone you are not living with.

Stay home. Stay safe.

#BBatHOME

Temporary changes to waste collections start

Temporary changes to reduce waste collections to protect crews and sustain the bin collection service during the COVID-19 outbreak have started this week.

From today (Monday 20 April), Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, working with Serco, will collect grey waste bins fortnightly instead of weekly. Green recycling bin collections will take place as usual and waste bins will be emptied on the opposite week to the recycling bin. The day of the week that bins are collected will not change.

The temporary changes to the service mean that waste, recycling, glass and clinical waste collections can continue in the borough during the COVID-19 outbreak to provide a reliable service while also protecting those staff who may need to self-isolate.

The service will be monitored and reviewed regularly to respond to changes in government guidance as they emerge.

Many councils within Hampshire already have a fortnightly waste collection service and recently one other has had to reduce its waste bin collections following the outbreak of the virus.

In March, the borough council took steps to reduce the pressure on the service by suspending garden waste and bulky waste collections and these changes enabled weekly waste collections to continue for several weeks longer than anticipated. But this cannot be sustained indefinitely and measures have been put in place to protect the crews and ensure residents receive a reliable service.

Those residents currently receiving an assisted collection, as they need help to put out their own bins and do not have anyone who can do this for them, will continue to get this support from the bin crews. The clinical waste service will also continue to run as normal for those customers who are registered to use this service. Households with smaller 140 litre waste bins will be able to leave out two extra sacks. Those households with larger 240 litre waste bins can only fill their bin as normal and no additional sacks will be taken.

Support and information is available through the council's website, social media and e-newsletter to help residents reduce the amount of rubbish they put in their grey bin and maximise the amount of recycling they put in their green bin and glass container.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "Our bin crews are working very hard to complete all of the waste, recycling and clinical waste rounds in the borough while facing the same challenges with staffing as organisations up and down the country, owing to COVID-19.

"This is a fast moving situation and we have been, and continue to, closely monitor the staffing levels every day with the crew's health and reducing the risk of spreading the virus being paramount. We face a new challenge each morning and have had to look at all the options for sustaining a service for the duration of the pandemic.

"Our crews have been tremendous and their commitment to delivering a service for our residents during these challenging times is something both they and we are incredibly proud of. But they cannot put themselves or others at risk and they must follow the government guidelines if they are showing symptoms, therefore we have been investigating reducing our waste collection service in line with other authorities.

"We are very privileged to have a weekly waste collection service which we have tried really hard to maintain but it is clear this service is not sustainable during this difficult time. The sensible and most realistic option is to temporarily move to fortnightly waste collections.

"Temporarily moving to a waste collection service one week and a recycling the next means we can also maintain our glass and recycling collections for residents. We will keep this under review and will go back to normal collections as soon as possible after the government restrictions have been lifted and we can safely do so."

"We apologise for this temporary disruption and thank our residents for their understanding and ongoing support during this difficult time. We will do all we can to support our residents to reduce the amount of waste they place in their grey bins and keep them informed of what to recycle in their green bins."

For more information on the changes and frequently asked questions visit <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/covid-19-bins-and-recycling> People can sign up to our residents' eNewsletter at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/signup and follow @BasingstokeGov on Facebook or Twitter.



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Dear readers,

In case you are wondering, we are now in the month of May. Although, please don't ask me the day or the date or even what happened to April 2020 ; like you I'm still pondering what have I been doing since the now famous 23 March. Firstly, I should acknowledge the global havoc that has been unleashed on us by this miniscule but deadly assailant. Like everyone else, I am trying to get to grip on a new way of living and finding a new routine – easier said than done, might I add. I don't know about you, but I have found myself noticing the most mundane things I see every day. Let me elaborate... I am sure like me you are trying to avoid the news as much as possible. But I cannot help but gawp at the assortment of bookshelves which appear every time the news presenter is talking to a so-called correspondent somewhere "from home". It has forced me to think: Am I the only one who doesn't own a bookshelf or numerous bookshelves?! Should I buy more books?! Where will I put those said books? And if I have watched the TV interview for far too long, the *Mrs Hinch* inside of me will voice her concerns that the books of the 'correspondent' needs to be tidied and re-arranged. Cue: turn off the TV. I have also found myself recoiling whilst watching a film where the scene is set in a crowded place and everyone is standing less than two metres away from each other. And don't get me started on the fright it gives me when I see a handshake on the TV. If handshakes were a way to show that you weren't holding a weapon in Roman times; well ironically it is now as harmful as simply carrying one. Promptly, I have to remind myself of the reasons for my strange reaction and take comfort in the fact that normality will eventually return.

Stay safe and until next month,
Vina R
Resident of Marnel Park

Useful advice links from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

COVID-19 - Community hub <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/covid-19-community-hub>

COVID-19 - Bins and recycling <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/covid-19-bins-and-recycling>

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Unsurprising News

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The Rotary Annual International Boxing Dinner is unable to take place as planned in October. In the present conditions boxers are unable to train or to take part in competitions which would lead to them being chosen to compete in this event. This means that they cannot be safely matched against international opponents. In light of this England Boxing are rightly unable to supply a team. As one of our main fundraising events for this year this is, of course, a disappointment but we are already planning this event for 2021

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Corona Quiz Below are clues to London Underground stations, e.g. Weapon store = Arsenal

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2. The monarch is Irate
3. Old school teaching materials are grown here
4. Mad dogs stop here
5. See clowns at the cattle crossing
6. Oriental cured pork
7. In the hop county
8. Abba's first battle
9. Blow one's own in New York thoroughfare
10. You'll never walk alone here
11. Give them a big hand but not in the north
12. Lofty hair
13. Where the Dutch keep their cars
14. Does Dr Foster live here
15. Nellie's royal home
16. Girl brewer
17. Way in to four weddings and a funeral
18. Crickets going on but not round here
19. Nicholas is envious
20. Where to look for a plumber

Answers will be on our website and Social Media



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normal level of service via email, over the phone or by video conferencing.

In some essential circumstances we can meet clients in person but only with a prior appointment.

Moving Home

Our Residential Property team is still able to assist and advise you if you are looking to buy or sell a property.

The government would prefer, where possible, that all transactions were delayed.

However, if you are moving to a vacant property, you are in fact able to continue with the transaction as long as you follow the government's guidance and take all sensible precautions.

However, it is important that you get the view of your lawyers dealing with your transaction.

Making A Will

There is no need to let the coronavirus lockdown stop your plans in putting your financial affairs in order by making a Will.

Our Wills and Probate team are able to advise you on drawing up a new Will, updating an existing Will and can help you maximise your Inheritance Tax allowances.

The Ministry of Justice recently has announced that certain lawyers, including those acting with the execution of Wills, are classified as key workers as they deliver essential services during the crisis.

Child Arrangements

If you have children and are separated from the other parent, the lockdown does not prevent you from seeing your child.

Taking your children to see the other parent and picking them up afterwards is currently deemed as essential travel, if it can take place safely.

Should you be unable to allow any direct contact because of health concerns based on public health guidance, such as when someone in your household is showing symptoms of COVID-19 or a child may have one of the underlying health conditions which make them more vulnerable, then you should consider allowing the other parent to speak to your child or children via telephone, FaceTime, Zoom or Skype.

Employment and Business Law

Our team of lawyers are regularly monitoring the government's emergency measures, such as the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the temporary changes to Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) and assisting businesses who are looking to review their commercial contracts.

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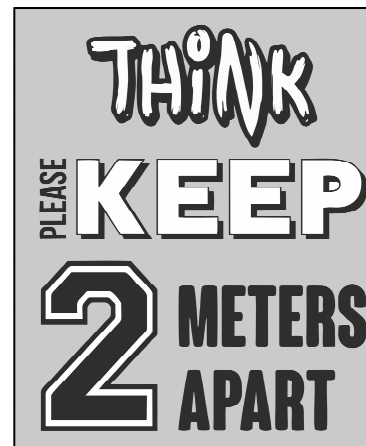
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With the situation we are currently in, all Face to Face Scouting activities have been cancelled until further notice, but that hasn't meant the Scouting has stopped, the Leaders have been coming up with inventive activities that the young people can do at home & District have developed an online resource to enable the young people to complete the requirements for badges at home and submit the evidence to their Section Leader - <https://badges.bescouts.org.uk/>.

At the end of April or beginning of May the Group is planning on holding a Virtual Group Sleep-In where all the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts in the Group will all sleep in homemade dens at home & take part in range of activities similar to those they would normally do on a Sleep-Over or Camp, but they will do them all at home.

But for now, we will look back at what the Cub Section have been up to since the beginning of the year.



The year started with the Cubs learning a range of "life skills" including Ironing, sewing, and changing a light bulb

Chinese New Year was soon upon us, so it was time to find out about the Chinese Zodiac & what sign they were all born under

Other activities have included an evening of Knots that included building a raft using bread sticks & strawberry laces & untying a human knot.

Group News

To continue providing all the activities for all three sections we are need more Adults to help either as Leaders, Section Assistants or Occasional Helper. Full training is available for new Leaders, much of which can be done online in your own time. The only qualification needed, you must like working with kids and like having a bit of fun. to find out more please contact....

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Hampshire County Council's Thank You to Care Workers and the NHS
 Messages of massive thanks have been painted on roads outside Hampshire hospitals and care homes by Hampshire County Council.

County Council puts plans in place to reopen HWRCs
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I was thinking of taking my holiday in Scotland this year. I hear there is a lovely place called Loch Down. Its very quiet and peaceful, no traffic, blue skies and the air is fresh. Shopping however might be tricky and there are some restrictions on where you can and cannot go. It still sounds idyllic though, wouldn't you agree?

Seriously folks how are you coping with all this stuff? I am hoping and praying that by the time you read this we might be enjoying some easing of the restrictions. As an extrovert I have found it particularly difficult. I'm missing the family, friends and my church family more and more each day.

Easter was a particularly strange time because it is usually so full of activity, community and different services as we journey through Holy Week. I'm usually involved with school Easter Assemblies, Maundy Thursday Supper, Good Friday Walks and worship and then Easter Sunrise with a bonfire and then church breakfast followed by a great gathering for the Easter Celebration Service – closely followed by our family gathering with an Easter Egg hunt and roast lamb dinner. So nothing was the same it was all done differently this year.

Oddly enough there were very real moments of fellowship, family and friends along with the online services we uploaded onto YouTube and it brought to mind the words that Jesus spoke to his friends as he prepared to leave them and return to God; he said "I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth!" And he is! The ends of the earth include my garden, my study and my empty church buildings. The ends of the earth include Popley and Basingstoke and Hampshire and so on. So even when I am struggling and need to see and hear those close to me I am still assured that Jesus is right there beside me sharing in that struggle and that's a real comfort.

What happens when we return to normal? I'm not at all certain I know what normal is anymore. I think there are elements of the recent past I want to take forward but more than that I hope we emerge as a much more inter-dependent community rather than an independent one. God created us to live in community and to love and care for one another and through this crisis that is what I have seen taking place in so many, many, different ways. He is moving us to look at our lives and to review and reprioritise what is really important. Relationship is what God is about – not religion and it's a relationship he longs to share with you.

May he bless you richly! Stay safe, stay well and stay at home.

With my love in Christ to you.

Revd. Arthur

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know some groups have been experiencing issues with these. We are currently awaiting replacement cards and we will be distributing these as soon as we receive them. If you are experiencing any issues or have any questions, please let us know.

Hot food provision

We have become aware of residents requesting hot meals. If you receive any requests for this, please direct enquiries to the main Hampshire Coronavirus helpline on 0333 370 4000 and they will arrange this.

Communicating support to your residents

Thank you for your ongoing support to communicate the support available for residents across the borough. A further community hub support advertorial has been included this week's edition of the Basingstoke Observer. A leaflet detailing the support available locally and useful contact details for a number of national charities has also been included in council tax bills that will be redistributed to all households across the borough next week. This is in addition to updates on the council's website, social media and press releases.

To establish the information being shared across the borough and further support we can provide you, please can you let us know if your groups have been carrying out any leaflet drops and if you have, what areas you have covered.

Contacting us

We will keep you updated on the progress and issues that arise as part of the community hub work. If your volunteers or group have any queries, I will be acting as your personal support contact during the COVID-19 outbreak so don't hesitate to get in touch if you are experiencing any issues or have any questions.

Thank you

For the latest coronavirus updates from the borough council:

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Resident news Basingstoke & Deane Today online

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Basingstoke Voluntary Action

Other useful links for advice and information

Government advice

Health guidance

Check your symptoms

BBC

For the latest official guidance from the government, visit <http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Hello,

The community hub continued to respond to enquiries during the Easter bank holiday and we would like to thank all groups and volunteers for all your hard work in supporting residents of the borough. Please find attached to this email a document that we hope you will find useful which details the support available for residents and the process that should be followed when dealing with requests.

Financial support for groups

Don't forget that you can now apply for a grant of up to £20,000 from BVA to help you continue providing support for vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. This funding can be used to purchase and distribute food to residents, provide protective equipment for your volunteers, cover the cost of hiring community facilities, and carry our leaflet drops for vulnerable residents in your areas.

Please visit the BVA website,

www.bvaction.org.uk/covid-19-emergency-response-community-grant/, to find out more. A number of applications have already been received and are being administered as soon as possible.

Update on PPE

We have received a number of enquiries about the provision on PPE for volunteers and

Care scenarios	No PPE	PPE			
		Disposable plastic apron (single use)	Disposable gloves (single use)	Fluid repellent surgical masks (single use)	Eye protection if risk of splashing
Staff delivering items, working at home/office, maintaining 2 metre social distancing	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Staff visiting or caring for well client and no outbreak in care setting*	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Staff visiting or caring for well client and no household member has COVID-19 symptoms/is shielding*	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Staff visiting or caring for well client shielding/household member shielding	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
Staff visiting or caring for client in household isolation	Risk assess, Seek manager advice on safe working	✓	✓	✓	✓ (Risk assess)
Staff visiting or caring for possible/confirmed COVID-19	Risk assess, Seek manager advice on safe working	✓	✓	✓	✓ (Always in care setting) (Risk assess in household setting)
Staff cleaning areas where possible/confirmed COVID-19	✗	✓	✓	✗ (Unless visible bodily fluids)	✗ (Unless visible bodily fluids)

have been working closely with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum on this. Please find below a useful guide on PPE requirements for different scenarios.

We are continuing to try and source further supply of hand sanitiser to give to your volunteers and should be in a position to distribute supplies over the next week.

Payment cards

We have been issuing payment cards to some local hubs across the borough and we

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Although Hampshire police have been receiving fewer reports of certain types of crime due to the Covid-19 situation, fraudsters deceiving people out of their hard earned money continues to be a significant issue. In fact, at a time when communities are collectively working together to get through the hardship, many of these fraudsters have started trying to use the Covid situation to their benefit, by playing on people's fears and making false promises to provide certain services.

As a result I would like to make residents aware of common types of Covid-19 scams, so that you may be more able to identify when someone might be trying to scam you. These are listed below:

Email scams:

- An offer of money from the government to help during the coronavirus outbreak just by entering your bank details. Government departments never ask for your bank details in this way.
- The 'infection list' scam mimicking the World Health Organisation (WHO) claiming to provide a list of local infections. To access it they need to pay into a bitcoin account or click on a link that delivers malware onto the computer.
- A scam email from HM Government asking for donations to the NHS during the COVID-19 outbreak. The NHS will never ask you to send money directly to a bank account.
- A fake government email stating: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals,

Online scams:

- Selling scam products such as supplements and anti-virus kits that falsely claim to cure or prevent COVID-19.
- Fake COVID-19 swabbing kits, hand sanitisers, and face masks sold online. These products can be dangerous.

Phone scams:

- Call Centres offering supplements that supposedly prevent COVID-19.
- Criminals claiming to be your bank, mortgage lender or utility company. Your bank or the police will NEVER ask you to transfer money or move it to a safe account.
- A text asking recipients to pay a £35 fine as it says they have been 'recorded as leaving their home on three occasions' during the lockdown.

Doorstep scams:

- Doorstep cleansing services that offer to clean drives and doorways to kill bacteria and help prevent the spread of the virus.
- Bogus Red Cross or healthcare workers offering to take your temperature or provide 'home-testing' for COVID-19.
- Criminals targeting vulnerable people on their doorstep and offering to do their shopping. They take the money and do not return.

-Do not be embarrassed to report a scam. Because the scammers are cunning there is no shame in being deceived. By reporting you will make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

-In Hampshire all fraud should be reported to Action Fraud, via www.actionfraud.police.uk, or by phoning on 0300 123 2040. In addition, you may wish to report to the police direct by calling 101.

-You can find more information on the types of fraud and scams commonly used and how you may better protect yourself from them on the Action Fraud website and the Hampshire Constabulary website under the 'Advice and Information' section.