

## PATNEY PARISH COUNCIL (PPC) - CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

*"Corona Virus is a threat to life and a threat to our way of life"*

*Dear Neighbours,*

On Wednesday night, PPC met to discuss a number of topics and clearly the coronavirus was at the forefront of our minds. The two key questions were:

**What help is needed and might be needed in future by people in the village?**

**What can we do effectively?**

The Council felt it could play a role in supporting the national effort by avoiding duplication of tasks and achieving an economy of effort. This depends on good communication within the village.

The village is blessed with a varied demographic with a wide number of skills and assets and there is a strong sense that many people want to help others at this difficult time. We feel that PPC can help coordinate this help effectively.

**To that end we are communicating today to try and understand as specifically as possible the areas where assistance is required - from a cup of sugar, a friendly chat, shopping, cutting the grass, caring for a pet or home help.**

The government and NHS services will deal with the extreme cases and first and foremost in all cases you are urged to seek proper help when you need it. What we can do together is plug the gaps and make this experience as stress free as possible no matter how trivial or major any request may be. Collectively we will be able to do something.

It is possible that at some stage every household will need some form of assistance or another. We want to collate information on the resources of the village so they can best be applied to any task: using personal skills, equipment and supplies.

Ideally what we would like to establish is good communication through a **NO WAFFLE** WhatsApp group, an email group and, for those with access to neither, a phone group.

Our very best wishes to you all,

*Your Parish Council*

20/03/20

## HELPING OUR VILLAGE THROUGH THE COVID-19 THREAT

**Do you need help?** Are you in one of the designated high-risk groups – over 70, have underlying medical issues or are pregnant? Are you exhibiting possible Covid-19 symptoms – dry cough, shortness of breath, high temperature – and have to self-isolate? If you don't have anyone to turn to then our **Village Buddies** can assist. Contact one of those below with your name and phone number and they will find a **Buddy** to help. Complete confidentiality will be maintained.

**Can you be a Village Buddy?** Please contact one of those below with your name and phone number if you're willing to become a **Buddy**. Think about what you're prepared to do to help All information will be kept confidential. **Please still make contact even if you are in one of the high-risk groups.** There might still be something you can do to help but it may limit the options!

### Patney contacts:

1. Mark Cann [markcann@bff.org.uk](mailto:markcann@bff.org.uk) 01380 840542, 07802 815294.
2. Simon Guest [siguest1@hotmail.com](mailto:siguest1@hotmail.com)
3. Patricia Alsop [palsop2@gmail.com](mailto:palsop2@gmail.com) 01380 840501

However you respond, by email or by phoning, the information we require is:

Your Name:

Your Address:

Your Phone number:

Your Email:

Your preferred method of communication: - *WhatsApp* *Email* *Phone*

How many people are in your household?

Are you self-isolating? Yes/ No/ Not yet Please give the reason if you would like:

### What kind of help would be useful to you? (Tick as appropriate)

Shopping      Preparing food      Collecting meals from the pub

Posting/collecting mail      A friendly phone call      Urgent supplies

Help with household/garden chores      Assistance with a pet

Anything else?.....

### What kind of help can you offer others? (Tick as appropriate)

Shopping      Preparing food      Collecting meals from the pub

Posting/collecting mail      A friendly phone call      Urgent supplies

Help with household/garden chores      Assistance with a pet

Anything else?:.....

All help will employ all the protocols for preventing the spread of the virus (avoiding physical contact, hand washing etc). *We must spread only kindness.*