

Dilton Marsh Parish Council news

As we move into week four of the Coronavirus “lockdown”, I would like to update you with news from within the parish.

Many of you are already supporting others in different ways at this difficult time. Please make sure that you keep in touch with your neighbours and friends; if anyone is struggling, remember that there’s an army of volunteers that can help.

Over the last few weeks, a leaflet, and then the Parish Magazine, were delivered to all households. Both these provided contact details of volunteers who are willing to help – please do make use of these - and there is now a central hub of all people offering their services – please contact me on 01373 301656/07708 351323 if you would like some assistance. Areas in which the volunteers, and local organisations, can help are explained below:

Food and household supplies

- A volunteer from Dilton Marsh can collect your list and payment, then go shopping for you.
- Along with the supermarkets, many local shops and suppliers are offering services with online delivery or click and collect. Look at websites for more details.
- The shop and Post Office at Fairfield Farm College will stay open for as long as possible, as will Dilton Fish and Chips, so do show your support.
- Morrisons are offering doorstep deliveries of essential goods to elderly and vulnerable people; call 0345 611 6111 to order and arrange delivery. Payment is by contactless card on delivery.
- You can order a box of basic essentials at a cost of £15 from Westbury Town Council. If you are receiving benefits, you may be entitled to receive a free box from the Food Bank. These services are provided by Westbury Town Council, who will arrange delivery. Contact them on 01373 859669 Monday to Friday between 2pm and 5pm.
- A kind villager has offered to collect orders from the Old Bake House in Frome and drop them at a collection point in the village. Please contact me [01373 301656/07708 351323] if you are interested.

Prescriptions can be ordered online or by phone, then collected by a volunteer. Where possible, it would make sense for a number of prescriptions to be collected at the same time. If you know you will need a prescription

taking in or collecting, let me know [01373 301656/07708 351323] and I can coordinate this.

Travel to appointments

We may be able to arrange a lift to essential appointments if you are not able to use public transport.

Just a chat

It's not normal for us to be isolated at home, so do ask if you'd like someone to contact you regularly.

We are beginning to receive the sad news of villagers who have died in recent weeks - some related to coronavirus, some not - while other residents have been unwell or are still in hospital. Our thoughts are with them, their families and neighbours.

In the meantime, some Parish Council business continues, although there will be no meetings for now. Please continue to report issues as they arise; even if we cannot address them now, they will be dealt with in the future. We are aware of increased instances of fly tipping, particularly along Fairwood Road. We receive and publicise on Facebook, the Parish Council website <https://diltonmarsh-pc.uk> and now, the dedicated Parish Council Facebook page, the regular Covid-19 updates, advice and information from Wiltshire Council. The Parish Clerk, Nicola Duke, can be contacted on 01373 864127 or diltonmarshpc@aol.co.uk

It's lovely to see the rainbow pictures and messages around the village; keep them coming! We are very lucky to live in such beautiful surroundings so that our daily exercise is a pleasure; thankfully most of you are taking heed of the advice about social distancing so that we all stay as safe as possible. Our weekly show of support and gratitude is aimed at key workers, but also emphasises the strength of our community, care and support for each other.

With very best wishes to you all,
Kathy Hutt, Chair of DMPC.