



PILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL – SPECIAL NEWSLETTER (March 2020)

CORONA VIRUS INFORMATION

We are aware that the spread of the coronavirus is causing disruption to the daily lives of many individuals in our community and we want to make sure that people in the village are aware where they can get accurate and up to date advice about what they can do to help minimise the spread of the virus and where they might look for general advice and guidance.

We are also keen to make sure people know where they can look for the practical help and support they might need during times when they may need health advice or if they need to self-isolate or if other similar restrictions come into operation.

There are many places to search for the latest advice and guidance on what to do if you feel unwell and think you may have the virus or if you have an underlying health condition that makes you more vulnerable to the virus. The best way to access this advice is to search all relevant on-line services. Details of a range of organisations providing regular advice and support on the coronavirus outbreak is given overleaf – including advice about the local health service from Staffa Health and the Community Support Team set up by North East Derbyshire District Council.

If you need to self-isolate or if you know of any older residents who live alone or are without any family support network then there are people in the village who will be able to help out with essential tasks such as collecting prescriptions, collecting shopping, giving a lift to the surgery or just being there to talk to about any difficulties you may be struggling with. **Ring 07593 873978** to access the local network or if you want to volunteer to help.

Some supermarkets are allocating more resources to on-line / delivery shopping or to click & collect, which is helpful to those who are self-isolating. To find out where these are and to keep up to date with any changing local circumstances you may wish to stay tuned to local radio stations –

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| Radio Derby | - | 104.5 FM |
| Radio Sheffield | - | 88.6 FM |

The parish council will aim to publish regular information during the next few weeks on its Facebook page, its website and in the four notice boards around the village on any local services or facilities which become available to help local residents deal with the impact of coronavirus.

One final message about local foodbanks. It is likely that the demand for supplies from foodbanks will increase over the coming weeks. Therefore it is important that the level of donations to the local foodbank is maintained. Anyone in a position to support the local foodbank (operated from St Bartholomew's Church, High Street, Clay Cross) is encouraged to continue doing this. Food and supplies can be donated at Clay Cross Tesco, Citizen's Advice in Clay Cross or at the offices of NEDDC in Wingerworth. You can find out more about this facility at - <https://claycross.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/> Tel – 07899 878398.

Sources of Further Information and Advice

Staffa Health has been keeping its website and Facebook page up to date with the latest information. This is posted online at - <https://www.staffahealth.co.uk/files/2020/03/Staffa-Health-Appointments-Procedures-Communication-15.03.20.pdf> and also in the parish council notice boards and will be updated as necessary.

The initial advice for anyone who feels they have symptoms of coronavirus is to look online for advice at - <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> or telephone 111 (the NHS non-emergency contact number).

Staffa Health also advise that all prescriptions should be ordered by calling the Medicines Order Line on 01246 588860 or via online ordering.

Our local **District and County Councils** both have information and links to further advice:-

North East Derbyshire District Council is inviting residents who are self-isolating and in need of assistance, to register with their Support Team. This will help direct resources to the most vulnerable in the District.

Residents can do this by;

- * Visiting the NEDDC website www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk
- * By calling 01246 231111 or
- * By text phone 07800002425

Once registered, the Council will co-ordinate and target support and help residents to access the services available. NEDDC staff will also be able to provide a friendly voice on the phone, giving callers someone to turn to if they need reassurance.

Derbyshire County Council can be contacted via: - <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/health-protection/disease-control/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx#> Tel – 01629 533190

Various **government agencies** involved with providing advice to residents in times of pandemic outbreaks all have guidance on their websites which is updated daily. This can be accessed via the following links:-

1. **Ministry of Housing Communities and Local government** - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-housing-communities-and-local-government>

2. **NHS** (general advice) - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
People who think they have symptoms should go to the NHS online coronavirus service for advice – <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

3. **Public Health England** – <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Finally, if you just need a listening ear or would like confidential prayer, please contact Reverend Lynn Hayler, St Mary's Church on 01773 872293.