

Monkton Combe Parish Council – Coronavirus Update

Your Parish Council has met to consider what action they can take to alleviate some of the more onerous effects of the epidemic on local residents. We would like to act as a point of contact for people who need assistance and a co-ordinator of volunteers prepared to give it and are setting up a group to manage this approach. I'm sure that other groups, friends and neighbours have rallied around those most vulnerable but in the event of someone having no such help available we would ask that they contact us for advice and support – whether it's to be able to do shopping, pick up medication, get a hot meal, get help with online ordering or contacting other agencies or simply having a question about the situation. We have funds to allow us to supply what is required and sort out reimbursement afterwards if that is a concern. We may not have all the answers but should be able to point you in the right direction.

So please contact us, using the list below, either for help or to register as a volunteer, telling us what you can offer and your availability; let us know if you're a member of another group offering a similar service so we don't duplicate our efforts; simply call or text one of the following for your area:-

Contact	Number/email	Contact Area
Adelle Brenner	07888-712339/ adellebrenner@monktoncombepc.org	Central Village
Jane Bradby	07765-109210	The Croft
Peter Bossom	01225-722688	Brassknocker, Trollopes Hill, Warminster Rd
Andreea Imecs	andreeaimecs@monktoncombepc.org	Mill Lane,
Des Wighton	01225-723060 / 07771-548634	Mt Pleasant, Tucking Mill

Locally:- this is the state of local services at the time of publication.

- **Combe Down Surgery** is open as normal but anyone who suspects they are infected should NOT attend in person. There is a guide to what to do on their website – combedownsurgery.co.uk .
- **The Church** has suspended services until further notice but it is still open for personal prayer or meditation.
- **The Wheelwrights** – in accord with Government rules, it will be closed for in-house food or drink but intends to operate a take-away service –see the separate item in this newsletter for details.
- The **School** will be closed until the summer term at least and will then resume with online lessons.
- **The Garage/Shop** on the Warminster Road continues to operate normally.
- **The 94 bus service** will continue to run though drivers may protect themselves by wearing a mask. The bus is cleaned every evening. During the period of closure of Church lane for fibre laying by Truespeed – scheduled for two weeks from 1st April (but may change under the circumstances, of course) the bus is planning to pick up from the junction of Church Lane and Brassknocker Hill .
- **Combe Down Co-Op** is operating normally .
- **Sainsburys** is open as normal but supplies are low. Existing online customers who are over 70yrs will get priority on home delivery slots or the expanded click and collect service which enables pick up in the car park, a better environment for the self-isolating.
- **Take-away** meals are also being offered by Hartley Farm and Castle Farm covering our area.
- **More Information:** up-to-date, verified information and advice can always be obtained from the gov.uk and nhs.uk websites – if you need help accessing these, please contact us.
- ... and finally, if forced into using anything other than toilet paper, it should **not** be flushed down the loo as it may cause blockages which then affect everyone!

And don't forget to wash those hands!