



Southill Assistance Scheme

Newsletter - March 2020

The next few months are looking as though they might be very difficult and the best way to get through this is as a community supporting each other. The **Southill Assistance Scheme** has been started by local Councillors, Pete Barrow, David Gray and David Harris, local businesses and numerous fantastic volunteers. The scheme is currently planning two services.

The first is a delivery service that residents can use to request the delivery of household essentials such as food, medicines, toiletries etc...



The service is for any residents who have to isolate themselves at home and who do not have family and/or friends who can help. As this is all voluntary we need to limit the service to ensure those with the greatest need can get essentials. We can ensure that no one is sitting at home worrying about being able to get help if they get ill. The phone numbers to make a delivery request are on the back of this leaflet. Contact can be by phone call or text.

The Well Pharmacy already delivers to some residents, but they are keen to ensure additional means of delivery are available if needed.

The Central Convenience Store can take payments over the phone so orders can be placed through the shop and then delivered by volunteers.

Many thanks to all the residents who have responded to the Facebook message asking for volunteers. We would still love to hear from anyone else who wants to volunteer, if you want to help please text Pete or David. The expectation is that most of the deliveries will be from the local shops to an address in Southill. All communications relating to requests for assistance will be by secure means to ensure personal information is kept confidential and we will have precautions in place to ensure volunteers are not exposed to a greater risk of infection.

The second is a phone contact service to help with isolation. The vicar of Emmanuel Church, the Rev Jo Haine, already has a team in place who offer a pastoral service. Jo is keen for her team to offer this service to the wider community. Any resident who is feeling isolated and in need of friendly chat is welcome to contact the team. The phone numbers are on the back of this leaflet.



Staying in touch

It's very important that we can all find ways to stay in touch in the months ahead. There are some suggestions on the back of this leaflet.

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Delivery service phone numbers

David Harris 07951 288 466
Pete Barrow 07741 252 302
David Gray 07889 752 224



Pastoral team phone numbers

Rev Jo Haine 01305 581 399
Norman White 01305 774 167
Jill Miller 01305 776 781



Local business contacts

Central Stores 01305 775470
Caviar Plaice 01305 788799

Community news

Emmanuel Church: We are currently not able to meet together as a gathered church. However, I have some online resources for anyone who would like some spiritual input during this time and also every Sunday I will be emailing a Thought for the Day to anyone who would like it. Please let me know if you would like to receive these by contacting me on; revjohaine@gmail.com

All our local business are thinking through how they are going to trade in coming months and will update customers when they make changes. They all stressed that they are committed to supporting the community.

The Central Convenience Store and the Well Pharmacy plan to stay open but they will have to change some aspects of how they trade.

The John Gregory is now closed and is planning how to manage over the coming months. As ever they are very keen to support the local community and are planning a community event for when this is all over so, that's something to look forward to.

Active Mobility is staying open and can deliver any items they have in store free of charge. They can ensure minimum to zero contact for orders placed over the telephone as they have an enhanced cleaning program in place.

Caviar Plaice are planning how they are going to operate over coming months and are planning a delivery service.

Facebook

Facebook is a good way to keep in touch. I managed to find out to use it and I'm no IT expert. If you've never used it before then perhaps you know someone who can help you.

The Southill Society is a Facebook group for people with a connection to Southill. It's a very friendly group and is a good way to communicate with other Southill residents.

