



Handley Safety Net Newsletter 03/04/20

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Thank you to our volunteers

The whole parish has been supporting each other through these challenging times. I have to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a buddy, collecting shopping and prescriptions for those of us in self-isolation and also being available on the phone for a chat. I can also testify that the "customer not present systems" at the NISA shop and Clarke's Butchers for buying over the phone have been tried and tested and come up trumps.

This week another team of volunteers has been helping during busy times at the shop

spacing customers and ensuring staff there can put items on shelves at the same time. Thank you to the shops and staff for all they are doing to keep us supplied with delicious food.

It is great to hear so many people are thinking of others when out walking too, keeping 2 metres distance and moving into hedges as I saw when my friend took me out on her walk via Facebook videochat. You will notice many of the gates around our footpaths have been removed, another great idea to stem potential infection rates by those people exercising.

We have secured funding to provide financial support where access to a bank card or cash is not possible due to self isolate. Contact one of your support contacts for access to this capability.

If you have any ideas or would like to join the group of volunteers, please contact Andy details above.

Volunteer stats so far...

- Volunteers: 77-more needed
- Prescriptions collected: 6
- Food collected: 16
- Buddy phone calls: 16

Dorset Council Notices

If you go out to exercise, take your litter home with you, especially dog waste. Street and dog bins are not being emptied on a regular basis.



We will no longer return to empty any missed bins until your next regular collection day. Do not try to report missed collections to us.



Do not travel to a household recycling centre (HRC, or 'the tip') or any recycling bank in a car park as these are all now closed and are no longer being serviced.

Government Notices

Stay at home

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Mental Health Advice

People struggling with their mental health during the coronavirus outbreak will be offered additional online support and practical guidance. Links to important government notices can be found at www.sixpennyhandley.info.

Sixpenny Handley Surgery

The Surgery would like to thank everyone for their understanding during the Covid-19 outbreak. Please understand it is taking longer to order medication at present. The wider NHS plans for contacting more vulnerable patients is still in progress and you will hear from them directly. You do not need to call the surgery. Thank you.

Clap for NHS 8pm Thursdays

The 8.00 p.m. clapping on both Thursdays during our lockdown has been very moving. Even here in little Deanland, we could hear applause and clapping all around us. Maybe a cue for a competition – Sixpenny Handley v. Pentridge, Deanland v. Newtown, Woodcutts v. Woodyates? Who can make the most noise?

Next week maybe we should bring out our saucepans and bells, whistles and drums? Post your videos on Facebook and to share in our group (name below).

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- Let us know how it goes in your
- part of the parish. If you have
- ideas for notice sheet items
- email me naomi@thewebbooth.co.uk
- or for the next Downsman
- (available in village shops).

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Salisbury Hospital

There have been large scale preparations for Covid-19 at Salisbury Hospital.

We are indeed fortunate to live in the South West, which was one of the last regions in England to record deaths from the virus. However, for visitors to Odstock, a large new structure occupying one of the car parks is an alarming symbol of just how serious this pandemic may become, representing the location of a temporary mortuary.

Testing of staff has not yet begun but it is expected within the coming days. Thanks to good management, there has been time to procure sufficient Personal Protective Equipment for frontline staff. A large percentage

of frontline staff are at work, but everyone is required to work remotely where possible. Morale is high despite the worsening situation nationally. Radnor Ward has already been divided into separate Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 intensive care wards. There are 240 beds with oxygen and 40 with ventilators. The dedicated isolation areas currently still have empty beds. However, the situation changes very rapidly.

As of Friday morning, the hospital was treating 18 patients who have tested positive for Covid-19 and 32 patients with symptoms awaiting results, while 46 patients have been tested negative. Nevertheless, the most dramatic development is the sudden increase in deaths. By Wednesday

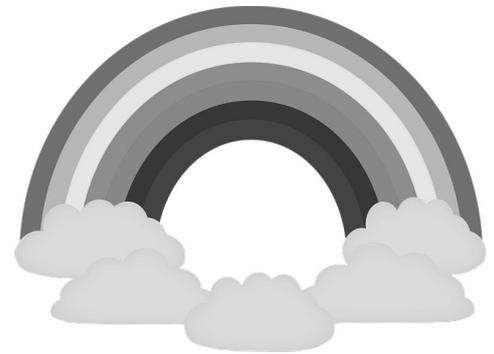
there had sadly been 6 deaths at the hospital, but within 24 hours that had nearly doubled to 11; there have been no more since then. The foremost concern is the percentage of people infected with the virus who do not display symptoms, which is much higher than early estimates. These developments are all the more reason why everyone should follow Government and NHS advice to **Stay at Home**.

We can all take comfort that our hospital's state of readiness is on target. Let us not forget that the most recent major incident of this nature in Salisbury resulted in the Chief Executive being awarded the M.B.E. for her calm management of the Novichok nerve agent attack, and she is still at the helm.

Children's Diaries

Families isolated at home with children during this emergency period are looking to find ways of gainfully employing the attention of those children. A recent TV programme came up with the idea of encouraging children to start a diary of their home activities. This diary could include accounts of the activities of the day supported by drawings and photographs; family stories and jokes. One day in the future, with historical

perspective, we will all look back on this emergency period as one where the whole family was united together at home. The diary could include plans for what the family propose do after the emergency measures are lifted such as a trip to the beach and all the things that might be seen there. The scope for the diary is limitless bound only by children's imagination. Why not start one and see what they put in it!



We've all loved seeing the rainbows and teddies appearing in people's windows - keep up the good work!

Let us know if you can help or if you need help!

Email your leader if online or call so that we can keep everyone up to date and issue this newsletter or updated contact lists going forward.

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