



Handley Safety Net

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This newsletter will become a regular delivery to everyone in the Parish to keep you informed as to what we have enabled through local volunteers working as a team to help. We also want to ensure what is happening in the community is shared, births, anniversaries, special memories and how local businesses continue or step up to provide important services. It's not all doom and gloom.

The Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge Parish Council and its COVID 19 Support group wants you to know that:

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

In these trying times the many sources of information bombarding you can be overwhelming leaving you confused and increasing anxiety rather than reducing it. Naturally it can cause you to feel panicky, anxious and isolated in your own mind in determining what you should or shouldn't be doing in maintaining your daily life whether you are **self-isolating** or not or that you are a **Key Worker** also in need of support. Questions mount - What happens if you need to self-isolate or are even hospitalised – How do I get essential supplies and prescriptions? – who will look after my pets? – How will I take care of the security of my property? Whatever your questions are **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

Support Group BUDDY UP scheme

The support group, co-ordinated through the Parish Council is made up of over 50 local volunteers and the list is growing. The team have commenced a structured support plan. Through this plan we have linked up with Handley and Cranborne Surgeries, Handley School, Clarkes the Butchers and Handley Nisa to ensure we can deliver prescriptions and food for those self-isolating or Key Workers who do not have the time to shop. How to request support and order food supplies is listed on the contact sheet delivered with this newsletter. We will continue to grow this list to include other suppliers to ensure we have a regular source of goods needed by those isolated. Examples are Reeves the Bakers, Hayters Feeds for pet food.

BUDDY UP is part of this support structure and is primarily designed to give you named contacts point for when you are self-isolating who will bring to bear an extensive support mechanism to help you and your family protect your health and welfare so **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** Each area has a list of names and numbers, please contact anyone on this list if you do not have a friend or neighbour who could collect prescriptions or shopping for you. These people have volunteered to make time to do this for you. **PLEASE PLEASE don't be afraid to call them.**

On the same contact sheet is a list of **Phone Buddies**, you may or may not be self-isolating and just need to talk through worries – find answers to questions or clarify information. You can phone any of the Phone Buddies listed, this is a named member of the support group ready to take your call for simple conversation and NON-MEDICAL advice to maintain a calming rationalisation of the situation in real time. During these conversations should your **BUDDY** or you identify that you may need more specialist help and support then they will help you connect to and engage with it.

We are also making use of an application being offered for free by Microsoft called Teams through the internet. Initially this is for the support team to stay in touch with each other and share documents and information so that we are all up to date and on the same page, so to speak. This gives the option for us to link up with anyone who has a smart phone, tablet or PC/Laptop to join a call, the great thing with this app is that we can join lots of people together on a call, even see each other and therefore have a group conversation. You will not need to download an application it all

works in a browser using your on-board speakers, mic and camera if activated, you can switch it off in the app.

Our message is **YOU ARE NOT ALONE** we are here to support, reassure and assist you so make contact with your **BUDDY** as soon as you have their details just to say **HELLO** irrespective of whether you need support at this time. Equally if money is a problem due to self-isolation, speak to a member of our team, we can find a way to help.

On Line Updates

A lot is published on line, not all of it is true, to that end always refer to the government web site, Andy the support co-ordinator has a daily feed update and will publish any key information via Facebook on the Parish COVID-19 support page, NextDoor in the Parish COVID-19 Group and the Sixpenny Handley community web site <https://sixpennyhandley.info/>

Local Business support

This is a two way thing, all businesses that we have engaged with to date want to help wherever possible, equally they want their businesses continue to operate. Clarke's the Butchers continue to offer their phone ordering service. Nisa Hanley have confirmed they can take payment over the phone and are happy to walk the shop with you on the phone to collect the items you need, take payment and then have it available for one of our support buddies to collect and deliver to you.

Both are ensuring they have a regular stock, please recognise that sometimes deliveries are outside of their control, please be patient.

Take Away Food

The following are offering take away food within and around the Parish, please note we cannot extend our buddy support team to cover these services.

- Hanlega's, whilst the restaurant is closed it is offering takeaway food and off sales for drink and wine by telephone 01725 552563, they may be able to deliver as well.
- The Museum at Farnham
- The Inn on the Chase at Cashmoor
- The Inn at Cranborne
- Visiting take away at the Village Hall car park:
- Marcos Pizza and Tonys Fryng Machine on alternate Thursdays
- Tikka Truck on alternate Fridays
- The Penny Tap hope to provide off sales only on the nights food is sold in the car park

Pet Food

We have confirmed that Hayters Feed (01202 883171) will take orders for a minimum of 10 items, which they will deliver to you even if self isolating. If you need food for your pet or pets and cannot make the minimum order, talk to a member of our support team, we will compile an order to meet this criteria and place the order and distribute.

A Bit of Good News

This week a person living outside the village totally dependent on public transport went to Blandford for a weekly shop only to find all 4 supermarkets were totally out of stock – a wasted and frustrating journey. On returning home they called Handley Nisa to see if they could help by taking a phone order and delivering the shopping. This they gladly did and so thankfully said person was able to eat this week. We will do everything possible to ensure food is on your table!

This is why we are here to support our community, please do not abuse this, but equally DO NOT hesitate to call and ask for help or just a friendly voice. We as a community need to come together and support each other whilst the madness continues around us. Please stay safe and whilst you

may not be affected by this virus, others may and so minimal contact is key, but we can still talk and help each other. THANKYOU