

This Newsletter from the Residents Support Group adds to previous information on services available during the Coronavirus lockdown.

Volunteers

We have more than 40 volunteers in the village ready to help any residents in need.

One feature of the lockdown is that some residents are feeling lonely as a result of the lack of social contact caused by self-isolation. If you would like a volunteer to call you for an occasional chat please call a member of the Support Group (see below) and we will arrange for a volunteer to contact you. Please do not feel you're being too much trouble to ask for a friendly call – we really need you to say if you'd like any support.

Age UK

Alternatively Age UK is operating a **Good Day Call** service. A daily reassurance call is provided by a trained member of the Age UK team to check on the welfare of you or an older relative or friend. We know that if you live alone it can be difficult not to have someone to talk to, especially if you do not have regular contact with family members.

To sign yourself up please call: 0300 303 1234 (charged at local rate) or email: gooddaycalls@ageuklancs.org.uk If you wish to enquire on behalf of someone else please download and email a Good Day Referral Form <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/lancashire/our-services/good-day-calls/> Other services from Age UK include shopping and collecting prescriptions; taking people home from hospital and helping them to settle; information and advice; dementia support for those living with dementia and their carers.

A stitch in time

Newburgh resident Helen Cope is calling for volunteer seamstresses in the village to help her produce critical care gowns for hospitals. Helen has materials and patterns to make the gowns and urgently needs help to produce them. Please contact Helen on 07887 848520 and get those needles stitching!

Fraud warning

There has been a sharp rise in fraud cases in which elderly or vulnerable victims are being told their credit cards need to be replaced due to the crisis and that their cash is contaminated and needs to be taken away. Other reports include a suspect stating that they were from the council and required payment for a food package. Please be alert during the crisis to any approaches of this nature.

Refuse

West Lancashire Borough Council is arranging for a supervised skip to be placed at the Strawberry Farm, Course Lane from 9.30am to 2pm on Mon 4 May for residents to dispose of refuse that would normally be taken to the tip. This is for one day only.

The Council is also asking that residents only put out blue, green or brown wheelie bins for collection if the bin is more than half full so they can get through the rounds as easily as possible. Note also that garden waste collection (brown bins) will be temporarily suspended at the end of the current subscription period on 31 May until the Council is in a position to deliver the service.

Shopping

- Our Post Office shop (01257 462352), Applecast (01257 463012), Reynolds Butchers (07508 678723) Paolo's Fruit and Vegetable Shop (07495 429563) continue to provide an excellent service of home delivery of a wide range of food and drinks.
- Taylor's Farm Shop has reopened for ordering and collection (01704 895687).
- Booths has a new next day click and collection service for items on a selection of over 150 products. For details go to www.booths.co.uk and follow the Click and Collect link.
- Aldi is offering delivery of a Food Parcel with 22 food items and household products and a few treats for £24.99. Order at <https://www.aldi.co.uk/food-parcels>
- Cobbs Brow Nurseries continues to have a range of mixed garden plant packs available for delivery to residents (Tel 07880 922584).

Hot meals

The Plough Inn at Lathom is offering delivery to Newburgh of Brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 3pm and Sunday Carvery meals from 12pm to 5pm. For menus see the pub's Facebook page and telephone or message orders to 07432 128980 or 01695 722322.

Church Service

Christ Church Newburgh is holding a Service at 10.30 am each Sunday using Zoom video conferencing. If you would like to join in contact church.news@hotmail.com to be given a meeting identity and to receive a password.

Newburgh Fair

While Newburgh Fair will not take place from 14 – 20 June, Newburgh Fair Association is proposing a one-day celebration modelled on the Fair to be held once restrictions are lifted.

Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

The orchestra is hosting videos of past live performances on its Facebook page on Thursdays at 7.30pm and Sundays at 2.30pm and videos from other contemporary artists on Tuesdays at 7.30pm.

Dog mess

With more dog walking around the village and along the canal has come more dog mess. Why pick it up and hang it on a bush? Please use any of the bins positioned around the village or take it home.

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