

Thanks again to our more than 40 village volunteers who remain available to help anyone in need. For help contact any of the Residents Support Group below. Thanks also to Sandra Jones, Newburgh Parish Clerk, who has single-handedly printed six of these Newsletters on her office printer to get to all 440 residents and businesses.

New recreational area

Good progress can be reported on making the new recreational area next to the Sports Field safe and usable. Our thanks go to Phil Clayton for a day's mowing to make the meadow easy to walk around with footpaths now exposed; and thanks to Applecast who have done a great job repairing the fencing alongside the stream and removing some of the barbed wire. A local professional forestry company, Working Woodlands, has opened up the entrance to the wood and cleared the dead, unsafe, severely leaning and hung up trees. Chippings have been used to make part of the path easier to walk along.

The Parish Council, which owns the site, will soon address the formation of a village organisation to manage and develop the site in line with the conditions made by the Appleton family. One early request: will dog walkers please not leave dog mess in the field and wood. We want everyone to enjoy this new space, including children, so please NO MESS.

Small business grants

Small businesses that may not be eligible for existing grant funding may qualify for a new grant scheme for those with relatively high fixed property related costs who can demonstrate a significant fall in income due to the crisis. Detailed guidance and an application form can be found at <https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/covid19businesssupport>

Daily Hope

Christ Church Newburgh suggests trying Daily Hope, a free national phone-line aimed particularly at the over 75s who don't have access to the internet. Tel 0800 804 8044 (available 24 hrs) to hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury and a range of options, including Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line will also offer callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily.

Newburgh Indiana

Our twin town, Newburgh Indiana, (www.historicnewburgh.org) has suffered a double blow with the Covid 19 virus and a damaging tornado. We have been in touch to find out how the town is doing. The tornado was very frightening but luckily resulted in few injuries to residents.

Newburgh has had to cancel a number of annual festivals and events because of the current situation. To make up for this the Town Council has agreed to organise a Christmas display of photographs and would be pleased for our village to get involved. If you have any photos depicting "Newburgh at Christmas" please can you send a copy to jackycitarella@gmail.com. We think this would be a really good way to show our solidarity with our twin town in these difficult times.

NHS support

We have an up-date on results from Helen Cope and her group sewing for the NHS. Currently the total figure of pieces produced is 577. (This breaks down into 354 gowns, 76 bags, 110 scrub hats, 10 headbands and 27 masks.) A big thank you from Helen to everyone who has contributed in any way to this amazing effort!

Fresh vegetables

Freshly dug Newburgh potatoes and other vegetables are available from Samantha and Stephen at Ivy Cottage Farm in Back Lane. Produce can be picked up at the farm from 3pm every day or deliveries may be arranged. Tel 07745 531809. If you can't get to the farm Newburgh Post Office is also stocking the produce.

Still delivering

Although lockdown is slightly easing, the Post Office, Applecast, Reynalds Butchers and Paolo's are still delivering their range of goods (and the PO is now selling local honey from Lathom bees).

Food service

Good reports on timed click and collect fish and chips from Fylde Fish and Chips on the Ringtail Retail Park, Burscough. Pre-order at <https://www.fyldefishandchips.co.uk/>. Social distancing protocols in place.

Viewing art

Enjoy a five minute meditation with the National Gallery's Learning team to look, slowly, at Redon's dream-like pastel *Ophelia among the flowers* and other pictures. Go to <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/stories> Click on 5 minute meditations.

A5209 road closure – early notice

The main A5209 is scheduled to be closed for road repairs over an 815 metre stretch of Course Lane at the western end of the village from Tues 1 Sept until Mon 7 Sept. The closure will be from 09:30 to 15:00. More details later.

Computer help

For computer problems KC Computers in Burscough have reopened with social distancing measures in place. If you cannot get to the shop, contact 01704 897989 for an assessment of a problem. Solutions may be possible over the phone, or by remotely taking over a screen, or by collection and drop off.

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