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In person visits at the library on Mondays has currently been suspended

Much of our daily lives continue to be influenced by Covid -19 and the impact that it has on us all. As we type this article Newark and the surrounding area has been removed from the Government watchlist. Thankfully case numbers appear to be reducing however we must all work together to ensure that we do not stumble into a more severe local lockdown, which can happen all too quickly as has been witnessed in other parts of the Country.

Please continue to follow the guidelines, wash hands regularly, use sanitiser where necessary, wear a face mask where recommended to do so, maintain social distancing of 2 meters where that is possible, 1 metre where it is not. If we all work together and support each other, we will help avoid the economic and social impact a local lockdown would inevitably bring.

As lockdown has eased, we have unfortunately seen an increase in behavioural problems that if left unchecked could have a catastrophic effect on our community:

Speeding

Recent publicity has told us that some drivers returning behind the wheel, during and after lockdown, have been caught speeding. Likewise, in our own village we continue to receive complaints of speeding, predominately along Low St, Woodhill Rd, Swinderby Rd and Station Rd. Past experience tells us 40%+ of those speeding were resident within our village.

With schools back and some elderly residents venturing out, some for the first time for several months motorists must take extra care, remember SPEED KILLS, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

Rubbish Bins

Over recent weeks bags of rubbish have been seen dumped alongside litter bins all over the village. Newark and Sherwood no longer collect such items and it is now considered fly tipping and could lead to a £400 fine. Overflowing bins and dumped rubbish looks unsightly and presents a health hazard as they encourage rats and other vermin.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME

Community Park

Our fantastic park is open in line with government guidelines. You will notice some equipment has been temporarily removed to allow for social distancing and some equipment has signage advising of limited numbers of users at any one time, sanitiser has been provided for use near each gateway. The one guideline that is proving very difficult to implement is that of the consumption of food and drink, the virus is very quickly and easily transferred into the body via the mouth hence the government guideline of banning of food and drink in children's playgrounds.

ENJOY THE PARK SAFELY, SANITISE FREQUENTLY, KEEP APART AND DON'T EAT OR DRINK

Parking

Many users of the Community Park on Swinderby Road and at busy times this can lead to congestion. Recently a fire engine had to turn around because it couldn't get through.

Remember to be mindful when parking that the Emergency Services need access at all times.

PLEASE PARK THOUGHTFULLY, SOMEONE'S LIFE COULD DEPEND ON IT

It's our parish. By working together, we can make it safer.

Rosemary and Mike