

HARTLIP PARISH COUNCIL: Covid-19 Update and Getting Help

Dear Hartlip Resident,

I write to you as we find ourselves in Lockdown 2 during the Covid-19 pandemic and at a time when, as of the evening of 17.11.20, Swale found itself with 584 cases of Covid-19 per 100,000 people and having the second highest infection rate in Kent. As at noon on 19.11.20 cases had risen to 634 per 100,000 meaning Swale has the second highest infection rate in the country.

Such is the seriousness of the situation.

During the pandemic, HPC has fulfilled its undertaking to put systems in place to ensure that the Parish Council's legal obligations are fulfilled and, indeed, HPC work has continued fully.

At the start of the pandemic HPC recognised the need to establish ways to provide support for residents. I undertook to recruit an army of volunteers who would be willing to help fellow residents and the response was wonderful. I personally contacted every volunteer to thank them and explain the way forward should needs arise. This is for a Hartlip resident requiring assistance to contact me through HPC website or using the numbers provided below.

Residents were directed to HPC Website which has a Covid-19 page which has been updated with important information throughout the duration of the pandemic.

HPC requested that residents used the NHW Whats App just for NHW matters and the Parish Council set up a Covid-19 Whats App group for those who wish to use social media.

Since then other Kent and Swale-wide initiatives have developed and been advertised on HPC Website and in The Forum.

Residents needing help: anyone who is self-isolating or is vulnerable and needing assistance such as picking up shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting mail, wanting a friendly phone call should use one of the following means of contact:

1. Record their request on the Parish Council website contact page and a volunteer will make contact.

The website is the preferred means of communication for efficiency.

2. Anyone unable to access a computer should telephone 01795 843969 and speak to me or 07426 066161 and speak to Tracy Still, HPC Clerk who will forward details to me for action.

Contact the Kent Together helpline www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether or calling [03000419292](tel:03000419292)

4. Contact Swale Borough Council Emergency Support Service 01795 417525

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Chairman HPC
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