

WHPC Newsletter – January 2021

Here we go again! We're in a third **National Lockdown** and it seems Covid-19 will continue to affect our community for some time to come. Locally the rate of infection is increasing to levels higher than last spring. Fortunately, there is some good news and we can look ahead to the roll out of vaccinations.

With the support of our wonderful volunteers, once again the Parish Council is keen to support the West Hill Community particularly those shielding.

- The Parish Council has re-activated the **West Hill Help Scheme**
- We'll continue to investigate and to signpost where you can get help locally. Our website www.westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk has lots of useful information. If you're unable to access the website please contact the Parish Clerk (see below for contact details).



West Hill Parish Council Help Scheme

Call us on **01404 232 100** for help or for general enquiries.

For those self-isolating or in quarantine

- we can collect and deliver **prescriptions** to you. We can also collect and submit your prescription request for you.
- We can collect and deliver your McColls **shopping** order. Call McColls on 01404 815 545 to place your order then contact friends, family or call us to arrange delivery.

To sign up as a West Hill volunteer please email clerk@westhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

How can you HELP?

Everyone can play their part during the lockdown period, by following advice and staying at home you're making an important contribution to the national effort to control the virus, protect the NHS and save lives. The Parish Council urges everyone to follow the rules to keep you and the West Hill community safe. Stay Safe! Please check www.gov.uk for detailed information on the do's and don'ts.

Are other sources of support available locally?

East Devon District Council

Community Hub - offers advice, information on available grants, and can help shielding or vulnerable residents access food delivery slots. Contact 01395 571500 or www.eastdevon.gov.uk

Business support – Coronavirus guidance for businesses, employers and employees, Business Grants, Business Rates Support measures. Contact 01404 515616 or www.eastdevon.gov.uk

Devon County Council - Offers information, advice including financial support available www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/



Ottery Help Scheme – offers help with transport to medical appointments, prescription collection, be-friending, support for carers. Contact 01404 813041 or www.otteryhelpscheme.org.uk

TRIP Community Transport can help with transport to medical appointments, shopping, befriending etc Contact www.tripcta.org or 01404 46529

Ottery Food Bank - held at the United Reformed Church Hall. Open Friday: 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Referral is required, Contact 01404 814475

Ottery Larder - held at The Institute. Opening hours vary, but usually 11am-2pm Mon-Fri. A referral is not needed and food is given free to anyone who self-identifies they have a need. Contact 01404 600013 or email bookeo.com/otterylarder to arrange an appointment

Ottery Community Volunteers: If people are unable to get out to buy food but have the means to do so they should contact on 01404 600013 or email help@ottery.online

Parish Council News

You may have noticed that the **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)** is now operational. The VAS is a speed warning device and will flash a warning message to remind drivers to slow down. It's not a speed camera so anyone who drives too fast will not receive a fine. However, we hope drivers will regard it as a reminder to be more considerate when travelling around our village lanes.



It will take some time to fully understand how and where the sign will have the greatest impact on reducing traffic speeds. Initially the VAS device will be moved every two weeks between the sites that have been agreed with Devon Highways. The device collects a wealth of data and Councillors plan to regularly add a VAS report to the website. If you are unable to access the website please contact the Parish Clerk for details. Here's a snapshot of the data collected between 4th-18th December 2020

- Location: B3180, nr Little Stockleigh facing Tipton Cross.
- Over the period 34,090 vehicles passed the sign. Each day between 40-60% of total vehicles, exceeded the 30mph speed limit. The average speed of speeding vehicles was approx 35mph.
- The maximum speed recorded was 60mph at 9.15pm on 6th Dec.

Did you know? We know many West Hill residents have used the **Highways website** www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem since our previous newsletter. Here's another useful website to explore. www.devon-cornwall.police.uk is a great source of information and includes

- alternative non-urgent methods for contacting the Police such as webchat, email 101, message an officer,
- How to make a complaint, say thank you or well done, provide information or upload dashcam footage.
- Dedicated phone numbers for specific crimes such as Fraud.
- Follow the [Find your Local Policing Team](#) link to the local **Ottery St Mary & Cranbrook web page**. This includes details of the local officers and how to contact the team directly.

But always remember in an emergency phone 999

For non-emergencies phone 101. If you're deaf or hard of hearing please use textphone service 18000 (emergencies) or 18001 101 (non-emergencies).