



Churt Parish Council Newsletter April 2020

Coronavirus - Covid - 19 - Churt Community Support Group

As reported in last month's newsletter, Churt Parish Council was instrumental in setting up and running the Churt Community Support Group. This group, that now consists of nearly 60 volunteers, is intended to assist and support those people who are vulnerable, self-isolated or just need assistance during this difficult time. Volunteers will help with such things as shopping, collection of prescriptions, dog walking or just providing telephone support. We have joined forces with the Covid -19 Grayshott and surrounding villages support group who operate a one number call centre. Anyone needing assistance should call **01428 748655**. The call centre is open 7 days a week between the hours of 10am and 5pm and has already helped close to 20 residents .

Our local co-ordinator is Jo Corfield, who along with the Parish Council clerk, Dawn Barrow and Councillor Myra Johnson in particular, has worked tirelessly on this for 3 weeks.

Churt Village Website - please use it

Recently resigned Councillor Adrian Waller, our webmaster, has been speedily and efficiently updating the village website with all relevant new information. Please regularly check the village website, www.churt.org. All information in relation to Covid-19, the Parish Council and other village organisations are contained there. This is our major source of up to date information. There is also a full list of local traders providing telephone ordering. I urge all to check it on a daily basis.

Rushmoor Residents

An anomaly of Churt is that the ecclesiastical Parish of St John consists of Churt and Rushmoor and that the administrative Parish consists of Churt alone. Rushmoor therefore comes within the administrative Parish of Frensham. We realised that these residents had been left out on a limb as Frensham's Community Support Group is organised and run by St Mary's Church at Frensham. We have, therefore, decided that Rushmoor should come within our scheme and any residents who require assistance should ring the call centre number as above.

Pavilion Roof

The pavilion roof was due to be retiled week commencing 6th April. This has now been postponed. We are assured by the contractors that we are top of the list once restrictions are relaxed and that the quote we have will be honoured.

Tree Inspection

Following storm Ciara, I know that some of you were worried about the safety of our trees. I am pleased to say that our contracted arboriculturist will be carrying out our triennial inspection of all our trees on the recreation ground and Redhearn Green on 6th April. As he works alone he faces no restrictions.

Future Meetings

At present all our future council meetings have been cancelled until July 2020. Central Government has now passed legislation which will allow us to hold virtual meetings. We are investigating various video meeting options and will be carrying out some dummy runs soon. Our April meeting remains cancelled and our annual assembly remains postponed for the time being. It may be that the annual assembly and the Council's annual meeting are cancelled altogether for this year. We are closely monitoring the new legislation and receiving advice.

I shall finish by quoting the mantra, "Please stay at home and let us beat this thing!"

Please keep safe and well.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust are scheduled to take place on a date yet to be fixed.