

EAST ILSLEY COMMUNICATOR

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Welcome to the September Edition
of the EIC

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Tales from your Parish Clerk



Welcome everyone to our 100th edition of the EIC! This is such a landmark moment and I am privileged to be guest editing this special issue.

Such a lot has happened since we last wrote to you back in March that I don't really know where to start. In my last piece I stated that this was the year we lept into action, and that the Parish Council would be busy 'doing things' rather than talking about them. I am pleased to report that I have been kept extremely busy over these past few months and I can't quite believe that we are in September.

As you all know, Monday 23rd March 2020 was the day the UK went into full lockdown. Life was suddenly completely different to how it used to be. Panic buying went into overdrive, the NHS became our national treasures and as a nation we were all glued to the 5pm daily briefing from the UK Government, shocked by the speed Covid-19 was infecting people, and saddened by the deaths of so many people in the UK and globally. 'Going to work' had ceased, home offices sprang up in any space available at home and children were of course at home, unable to see their friends or sit any public exams planned for the summer term. Jo Wicks became the nations PE Teacher, and all the Mums and Dads become 'teachers' in whatever way they could. Many were furloughed, some even lost their employment. In short, we were in crisis and there was no rulebook to follow for anyone.

Your Parish Council sprang into action by setting up an Emergency Response Team made up of wonderful volunteer villagers, who were willing to assist shielded and vulnerable people and families in East Ilsley. This 30 strong army braved the super markets, village stores and pharmacies to make sure people had what they needed. They delivered leaflets, kept people informed and involved, and cared for everyone who needed them. We could not have done it without them and we want to say a huge **thank you** to each and every one of them. You can read more about them in a piece later on in this issue.

The next task on my to do list was to undertake a rather daring rescue mission... The War Memorial that resided in the Baptist Chapel for Sgt. Reginald George Wells (Rex) is now happily ensconced in the care of Mossford's Memorial Restoration Workshop in Cardiff waiting for a clean, a repair and eventually its new home at St. Mary's Church. We are so pleased we were able to remove this and find a new home where his relatives can visit.

Lockdown gave me a chance to source and procure all of the 'Emergency Flood Defence' equipment so I can happily report this is now all in place and we are prepared for most eventualities in the village.

Your Councillor's really are an amazing group of people. Lockdown meant no face to face meetings but that didn't stop them continuing to meet and carry on with the day to day business of the Council. By using Zoom to conduct council business we have been able to continue making decisions, signing off our Annual Governance and Accountability statements, completing our annual audit, paying invoices and all the day to day bits and bobs we have to do. Thank you to all my Councillors for embracing technology to its fullest, and making the time to meet as much as we have! Zoom has also allowed more members of the public to attend and I know they have been thrilled with the engagement we have had from you, keep it up folks, it is a great way of letting us know your opinions and your comments. We hope to see you online at our next meeting on 15th September.

I can't not end the 'tales' without mentioning the Playground (more on that later). It really is starting to look great up there and it can only get better, thanks to you dear reader and your donations towards the re-vamp project, particularly on 24th July which was double matched funding day. Wow, what a day! Take care, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you online soon at our next meeting. *Fen - Clerk to East Ilsley Parish Council*



Future Meeting Dates of the Parish Council

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 15 th September 2020	7.30pm	via Zoom*
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	7.30pm	via Zoom*
Tuesday 12 th January 2021	7.30pm	via Zoom*
Tuesday 9 th March 2021	7.30pm	via Zoom*

* Parish Councils are authorised to continue with online meetings until 6th May 2021. We will continue to meet via Zoom until we are advised it is safe to conduct face to face meetings. We will return to The Ilsleys Primary School as our meeting place once safe to do so.

The Zoom log in details for the above meetings can be found below:

September Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86256466721?pwd=eXJzaHFhdhdkppTUdqSzdmUjQ0NWJpQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 5646 6721

Passcode: 1cpRnD

November Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85708064633?pwd=eGlkZC8rb1BXdUZoWVdhOVN6N295UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 0806 4633

Passcode: 7HGhda

January Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710188420?pwd=ZEdSUMkwV1cxUXltYjJJTVlvQ3NwUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 1018 8420

Passcode: 4bfuxx

March Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676008922?pwd=UHJWNVZlemNsbE03WnZTbTB1bUpHdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 7600 8922

Passcode: 2G2Zka

If you are unsure how to use Zoom, the Hermitage Team of Churches have produced a handy 'how to' guide and you can download it from their website here:

<https://hermitageteam.churchdesk.com/page/75/corona-virus> scroll down the page and you will find the download link.

How to contact the Parish Council:

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Email: clerk@eastilsley-pc.gov.uk

Post: Swimbrels, Newbury Hill, Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire, RG18 0TR

Facebook: @eiparishcouncil

Twitter: @eastilsleypari1

Instagram: @eastilsleypc

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8ba375kx9qqSeeEpPgyCLw/>



Playground Update

The Parish Council are thrilled that we have begun work in earnest on the Playground! Late last year, it suffered at the hands of some vandalism and was generally in a pretty sorry state, but it has had a transformation and there is more to come!

The regeneration of the playground was split into three phases. Phase 1 was 'Repair' and during lockdown we were able to employ CJM Services to resolve all the issues that were highlighted to us in our most recent playground inspection. This consisted of repairing the train and carriages, replacing damaged and broken slats in the benches, fixing the BMX / Scooter ramp, fixing the swings, replacing the net on the basketball hoop, fixing a football goal net and removing broken components. That work was completed and once playgrounds were given the go ahead to open it was a much safer place to play.



Phase 2 was 'new equipment' and the new junior multiplay and baby swings were installed and inspected in August. These items were fully funded by the Parish Council and are an exciting addition to our existing kit and from what we have seen, they are getting a lot of use and enjoyment!

We are so pleased this is in for the summer holidays!

Phase 3 is yet to come, and will bring with it even more new equipment and it is funded by all the donations you made in June and July. This was double matched funded by The Greenham Trust via The Good Exchange giving us a whopping £15,000 to use! We should be in a position in early 2021 to place an order and have that installed by Easter. We don't know what we will get yet, so if you have any suggestions please send the Clerk an email and she will forward them to the Playground Group.

Phase 3 is only possible because of you! We had some very successful events around the village which you gave money to so generously so thank you very much and we cannot wait to make the playground even better than it is. Thank you also to all the volunteers who have helped us paint the train, do the weeding, repairing the sign and generally making it a lovely place to be!





From the Guest Editor...

Welcome to the September edition of the EIC

I am thrilled to be guest editing the EIC, it is such an honour, and it's the 100th issue too, I really hope I do it justice. But you must all be wondering why?

Sadly, our editor, Matthew Pembroke has decided to hang up his quill and allow someone else to take up the mantle. He is leaving big shoes to fill, Matthew did an incredible job for us over the past couple of years and we want to say a huge thank you for all that he did.

**Thank
You!**



Without the EIC, many people in the village would not know what is going on so it is vital we keep this alive. So, until a replacement editor is found we will continue as best we can with guest editors. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk.

It goes without saying that Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on all of our lives over the past five or so months. We are slowly beginning to emerge into some sort of 'new normal' but even that still feels strange. I don't know about you but things I used to take for granted now need military grade planning and every time I do venture out, I check my face covering is in my bag or pocket... and wearing that in 30 degrees heat is really something else! I now have massive respect for people who wear one as part of their job, all day, every day. From 8th August it became mandatory to wear face coverings in places of worship, as well as all the other places we need to wear them. Going to a Church service this month will feel strange, not only because it will be the first time since the middle of March, but that there will be no singing, we will be sat 2m apart and all wearing a cover on our face.

It has however sparked a new wave of fashion items! Gone are the standard issue PPE / DIY masks in white cotton that we used early on, now we have a huge range of choices out there. I've even spotted a Louis Vuitton one in Parkway this week and I am currently sporting a fetching khaki and pink leopard print one! Yet another thing to coordinate into my wardrobe...

Of course, not everyone will wear one, some people are exempt like children under 11, people who have a disability, people who might be distressed by wearing one and anyone who provides lip reading to others. If you fall into one of the exempt categories you can purchase an exemption card for 55p from the Hidden Disabilities website (<https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/hidden-disabilities-face-covering.html>) and this might help when out and about. You can view the full list of exempt people on the UK Government website.

So many things I had in the 'diary' have been wiped out this year, a holiday abroad, a friend's wedding, a 50th birthday party, a training course, you name it, it has been erased, with no replacement dates yet due to all the uncertainty. I've ditched the diary for this year, it was too full of scribbles out and that made me sad. However, this has had a remarkable effect on my own well-being, all for the good. I have time for me, time for relaxation, time for little 'at home' projects I always put off because I was so busy. If one good thing has come out of this, it has been that I have gained 'me' time again and as we move forward, I might get a new diary and actually schedule in 'me time' for the foreseeable! I hope you have managed to find a positive in all this and that you treat yourself with kindness, do things that make you happy and reconnect with yourself.

Stay safe,

Fen

Future Publication dates: Issue 101 - 26th October 2020, Issue 102 - 21st December 2020



Where would we have been without the **MARVELLOUS** East Ilsley Super Heroes!

Since 23rd March 2020, a merry band of volunteer villagers committed their time to help our shielded and vulnerable people and families. They have been super heroes and we can't thank you enough!

thankyou

Ali Allan, Anne Tuite, Brendan McGrath, Carolynne Culver, Tracey Murray, Debbie Leach, Dez Stuart, Hamish McNaught, Jo Sharman, Karl Sharman, Laura Kernan, Leah Thompson, Lisa Felton, Mike Lewis, Peadar O'Donohue, Pete Marshman, Pip Jackson, Sally Allsop, Sarah Spink, Sarah Yacim, Stephen Meadows, Sue Walsh, Tess Dobney, Tim Millson and Vicky Hall

Working in conjunction with:



Email them on: westberksbct@westberks.gov.uk

Call them on 01635 503579

Visit the website:

www.westberks.gov.uk/coronavirus-communityhub

The A34 Trunk Road (East Ilsley) – Northbound Slip Prohibition Order

The Clerk has received notification of a draft order that proposes a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order (PTRO) for the 'No Entry' signs at the junction. The original signs that are there do not have this order, without an order they could be removed which poses a danger to motorists. As we do not have a Parish Office for you to view these documents we are presenting them to you here and they will also be on our website and the Notice Board in Broad Street. This order prohibits traffic intending to join the northbound carriageway of the A34 at East Ilsley junction from entering or using the exit slip road from that carriageway.

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND ORDER

2020 No.

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A34 Trunk Road (East Ilsley – Northbound Exit Slip Prohibition) Order 2020

Made - - - -

TBC 2020

Coming into force - -

TBC 2020

Highways England Company Limited(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 1(1)(a) and 2(2)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(b), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the A34 Trunk Road (East Ilsley – Northbound Exit Slip Prohibition) Order 2020.

2. In this Order –

"the A34" means the A34 Trunk Road in the County of Berkshire;

"longitudinal marking" means road marking of a type shown in diagram 1004 in Part 4 of Schedule 11 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(c);

"the off-slip road" means the road leading from the northbound carriageway of the A34 to Fidler's Lane at East Ilsley Junction; and

"the relevant road" means that length of the off-slip road beginning at the diverge from the northbound carriageway of the A34 and ending at the point where the road is separated from another part of the carriageway by longitudinal marking.

3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed (or to enter so as to proceed) in a south-easterly direction on the relevant road.

For and on behalf of Highways England Company Limited acting by Azra Zohrabi;

TBC 2020

Azra Zohrabi
Programme Delivery Manager, Scheme Delivery Team
Highways England Company Limited

(a) A company registered in England and Wales (Company no.9346363). Registered office: Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4LZ.

(b) 1984 c.27: sections 1 (1) and 2 (1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works act 1991 (C.22), Section 168 and Schedule 8, Paragraphs 17(2) and 18(2) and (3).

(c) S.I. 2016/362

**THE A34 TRUNK ROAD (EAST ILSLEY) - PROHIBITION OF DRIVING IN
THE NORTHBOUND EXIT SLIP ROAD
ORDER 2020**

Highways England Company Limited hereby gives notice that it intends to make an Order under Sections 1.(1)(a), and 2.(2)(a), of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 on the A34 in the County of Oxfordshire.

The effect of the Order would be to confirm the prohibition of entering the northbound exit slip at East Ilsley Junction in a south-easterly direction against the flow of traffic leaving the northbound carriageway of the A34, as a precautionary safety measure.

A copy of the draft Order, a plan illustrating the proposal and a statement explaining why Highways England Company Limited proposes to make the Order may be inspected during office hours at –

- (i) West Berkshire Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, West Berkshire, RG14 5LD
(From 9.00 am to 4.30 pm weekdays)
- (ii) East Ilsley Parish Council, Swimbrels, Newbury Hill, Hampstead Norreys, Berkshire, RG18 0TR
(from 8.30am to 4pm weekdays)

until the end of the objection period, 3rd September 2020.

Alternatively, if the offices are not available for this purpose owing to the extraordinary circumstances associated with Covid-19, contact dean.westall@highwaysengland.co.uk for a set of documents.

Any person wishing to object or make representations to Highways England Company's proposal should send, not later than 3rd September 2020, a written statement of his or her objection or representation and of the grounds thereof to the person and address at the foot of this notice, quoting the reference 'HE/SE/A34/EAST ILSLEY NORTHBOUND SLIP PROHIBITION'.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

J Downham, an Officer for Highways England Company Limited
Ref: HE/SE/A34/EAST ILSLEY NORTHBOUND SLIP PROHIBITION

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Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Alessio Mancino at Highways England Company Limited by e-mail (e-mail: Alessio.Mancino@highwaysengland.co.uk) or by telephoning 0300 470 1176. <http://www.highways.gov.uk>
Please note that formal objections will not be valid unless made in writing.

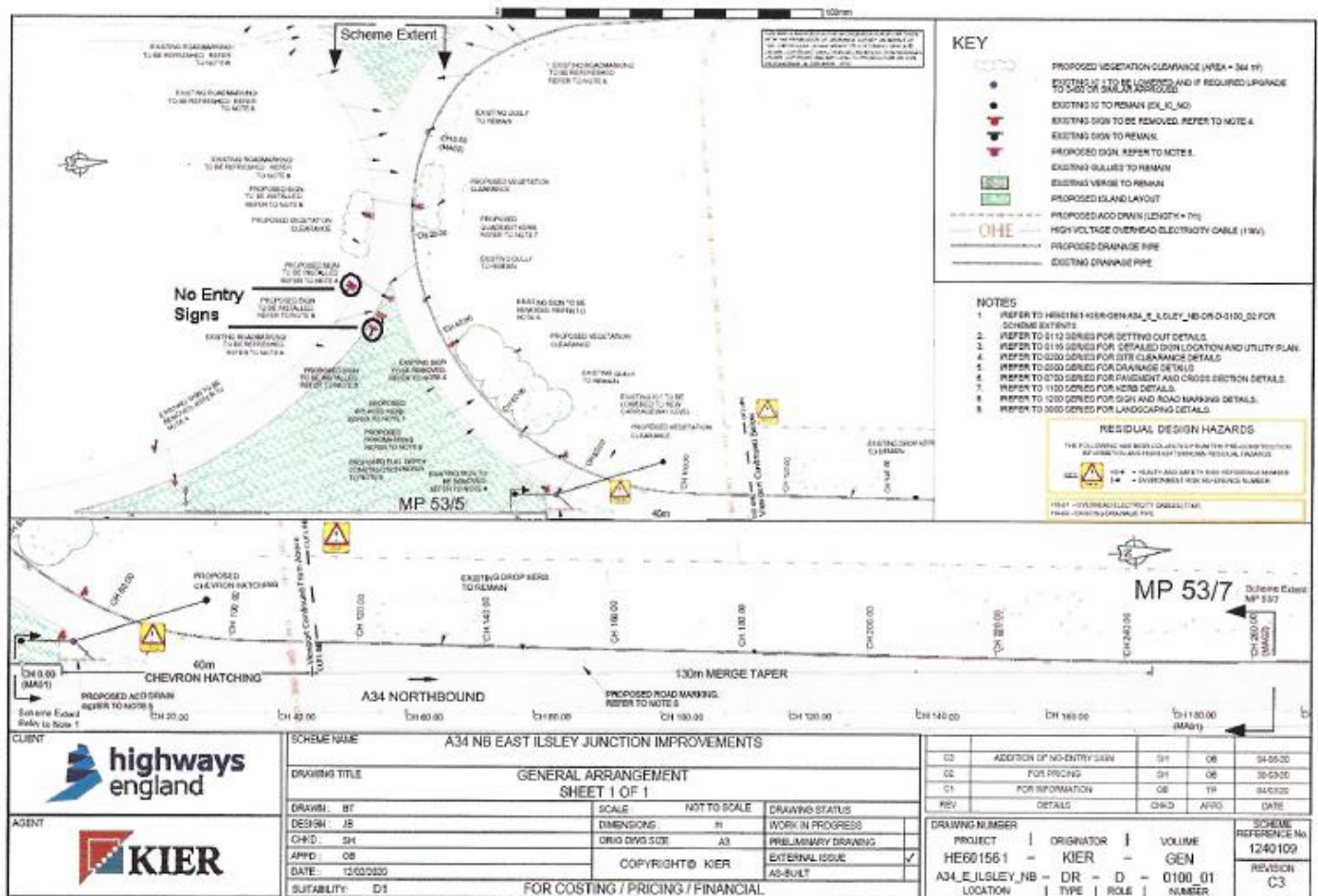
A34 Northbound East Ilsley Junction (Marker Post 53/4)

Highways England Pin 601561

BRIEF STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR RENEWAL OF THE NO-ENTRY SIGNS AT A34 EAST ILSLEY NORTHBOUND OFF-SLIP

While reviewing the existing signs at A34 East Ilsley Junction, it became apparent that the two no-entry signs at the head of East Ilsley northbound on-slip are not covered by a traffic regulation order preventing wrong-way driving on the slip. If these signs are removed, it could result in a potential accident where vehicles may drive the wrong way onto the northbound off-slip and enter the main carriageway travelling in the wrong direction.

It is therefore proposed that a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order (PTRO) is submitted to impose the prohibition and to give site approval to the signs by definition.



The objection period lasts until 3rd September.

If you wish to make an objection, please send a written statement of your objection or representation and on the grounds thereof to: Alessio Mancino, Highways England Company Ltd by email to Alessio.Mancino@highwaysengland.co.uk or call 0300 4701176

Formal objections will not be valid unless made in writing.

A34 East Ilsley Northbound Junction Improvements - Notice of Works

We have received notification that work will start on 1st September and last for approximately 3 weeks on the northbound junction of the A34 at East Ilsley. Please note that this work is in addition to the Permanent Traffic Regulation Order (PTRO) mentioned earlier:

Highways England can confirm that improvements to the junction including reconfiguring the junction by widening into the island to create additional space, resurfacing of the northbound exit slip road, new signage, cutting back vegetation and new road markings, has now been scheduled to start on Tuesday 1 September 2020 and should take up-to three weeks to complete.

For the safety of our workforce and customers, we will need to close the northbound exit and entry slip roads and have temporary traffic lights on Fidlers Lane/Copperage Road overnight (between 9pm and 6am, Monday to Friday).

In addition, overnight on Monday 1 September and Wednesday 16 September, the A34 northbound carriageway will be fully closed from the M4 Chieveley junction to the Chilton junction. A signed diversion will be in place via the A4 from Speen to Hungerford, north on the A338 to Wantage, then east along the A417.

Please be aware all our works are subject to change due to available resource by our Supply Chain, as well as possible adverse weather conditions - please check the yellow signs placed in advance at the junction for confirmation of the closures dates/timings.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption during our work. If you have any questions, or if you'd like you know more about our work please email us at info@highwaysengland.co.uk or call us on 0300 123 5000.



RIDGEWAY WARD

AUGUST 2020

News from your
West Berkshire
councillor.
Representing West
Isley, East Isley,
Compton,
Hampstead
Norreys, Frilsham
and Yattendon.



£9,000 FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Since being elected in May 2019 I have secured more than £9,000 in match funding from West Berkshire Council for local community projects including:

- East Isley community orchard
- Sports pavilion in Compton
- Vehicle activated sign in West Isley to encourage drivers to respect the speed limit
- Emergency kit for East Isley to cope with the after effects of flooding and electricity black-outs
- Playground surfacing in Hampstead Norreys
- Children's swings in East Isley

Some projects are complete and some are ongoing. Each year I can apply for up to £5,000 in match funding. If you have a community project that needs funding (capital not running costs) please contact me.



Planting the community orchard in East Isley with local parish councillors and residents

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action by the week of the local
voluntary sector such as West
Berkshire Homeless, West Berks Food
Bank, Loose Ends and the Soup
Kitchen; oh, and the possibility of
embarrassment to the local Tory
candidate before the general election.
Can we now expect our council to show
the same courage as the likes of the
local authority in Liverpool and tell the
Government that they will act in the
best interests of all the people
(including those school children too
young to vote) of West Berkshire in
deciding when lockdown measures are
relaxed and not just to give cover to the
Prime Minister's failed policies?
NEIL SALMON
Ball Hill

Magnificent work from our local ward councillor

It is the lot of district councillors to be
on the receiving end of complaints and
criticism, and much of their work is
behind the scenes.
But we would like to recognise the
visibly outstanding work that is being
undertaken by at least one of our

councillors.

Caroline Culver, councillor for
Ridgeway ward, has from the start
of the Covid-19 crisis and lockdown
taken a proactive role in supporting
all the various village support
groups in her ward.

Caroline has been unstinting in her
work and communication with the
groups.

She chairs regular weekly
videoconferences with
representatives from each local
support group, so that we can share
experience and information.

She listens to problems and issues,
and accesses support where
available from the West Berkshire
Council or the Community Support
Hub, feeding back our views and
experience.

She circulates useful information
and is always ready to listen, advise
and share.

Caroline will also post directly to
the village social media sites that
are so important in keeping
communications alive while so many
in our communities are isolating.

The local villages are strong

communities and many volunteers
have come forward.

The needs of the villages are
diverse, but we have learned a lot
from each other and this is in great
part thanks to the work Caroline is
doing.

Whatever your politics, it has made
a difference to know that there is at
least one councillor who believes in
listening to their constituents and
works round the clock to support
and communicate with them.

TESSA ALLUM
Frilsham Coronavirus Support
Group
MAUREEN BENEDICT
Beedon Coronavirus Support
Group
SHELLEY BOWDERY
Compton Coronavirus Support
Group
LAURA MAJOR
Yattendon Coronavirus Support
Group
SUNNY MONTAGUE
Hampstead Norreys Coronavirus
Support Group
FENELLA WOODS
East Isley Coronavirus Support
Group

COVID RESPONSE

Thank you to all the local
community volunteers
during lockdown who
collected medication, did
shopping, cooked meals,
sewed masks, walked
dogs, and buddied
residents who were
shielding.

The support group
coordinators across the
ward will keep in touch in
case we have any more
periods of lockdown.

**Letter published in the Newbury Weekly News – thank you to the
support group coordinators for their kind words!**

REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS OF RIDGEWAY WARD ON WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the time of writing this newsletter there are two controversial planning applications 'live' in our ward: Beeswax Dyson's proposal to convert Ilsley Barn Farm into business units next to Sunrise Hill in East Ilsley, and Homes England's proposal to build 250 homes on the Compton Institute site. If the planning department at the council recommends approval for these planning applications they will then have to be debated and voted upon at the Western Area Planning Committee by elected councillors, on dates yet to be specified. The latter will also go to the District Planning Committee.

Many residents have contacted me asking whether I am 'for' or 'against' the planning applications. I have to remain neutral until the committees meet and debate all the relevant evidence about the applications, otherwise I could be accused of bias. This would have serious legal implications. I could send a 'substitute' Green Party councillor to the committee meetings instead of me, leaving me free to speak out now, but they both live in Newbury so they don't know our ward. I think it is better that the ward councillor is at the meetings. Please contact me if you have questions about the decision making process.

TACKLING GLOBAL WARMING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



Last year West Berkshire Council declared a climate emergency and committed to become carbon neutral by 2030, following a campaign led by the local Green Party backed by a petition signed by 2,000 residents. In July 2020 the council published its Environment Strategy. One of its projects is a 'Community Municipal Investment' to raise public funds for solar panels on council buildings and schools. You can invest for as little as £5. The target is to raise £1,000,000 by 15 September, and the council is well on the way to achieving this. More information is available here: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/wbcmi>

REPORTING PROBLEMS TO WBC

You can report problems like fly tipping, unemptied bins, and pot holes by searching for 'West Berkshire Report a Problem' on the internet or visiting www.fixmystreet.com

If it's urgent please email customerservices@westberks.gov.uk or call 01635 551111. If you are not happy with the response you get please contact me.

I've received hundreds of emails from residents since being elected. I can't solve every problem but I can try! I can get information for you, find out which council officer can help you, and hold the council leadership to account.

WORKING HARD FOR RESIDENTS

I have a 100% attendance record at Full Council, and at Executive where opposition councillors hold the council leadership to account. I'm also the only councillor to have a 100% attendance record at Western Area Planning Committee, which meets every three weeks throughout the year.

Attendance statistics for Councillor Carolyn Culver

Statistic	Count	Percentage
Total expected attendances:	9	
Present as expected:	9	100%

Contact Carolyn by calling 07976 374146 or email carolyn.culver1@westberks.gov.uk



**SPONSORED
PARACHUTE JUMP
BY
JOHN HIBBERT**



On 8th September, John Hibbert, Church Warden at St Mary's East Ilsley, will be jumping out of an aeroplane with the Red Devils to raise money for the Restoration and Reordering of St. Mary's Church, East Ilsley.

Like so many villages, East Ilsley is gradually losing the use of key buildings as they are redeveloped as private housing. The village needs a community room and St. Mary's will be ideal for that purpose once it has the basic facilities.

Please support John by sponsoring him via the link below and help raise vital funds. To access the link via the QR code, simply point your smartphone camera at it and it will open the webpage.



<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/fundraising-profile/396/john-hibbert/12130/st-marys-in-the-community>

All donations made through this website will be match funded by the Good Exchange and will go directly to the Restoration and Reordering of The Church. The parachute jump will be self-funded.

Thank you.

The Good Exchange

The Good Exchange is a not-for-profit, on-line matching platform that has been designed to address one of today's biggest charitable fundraising challenges - how to best match those organisations and individuals who have money to give to good causes to those who need it most. Find out more on their App

app.thegoodexchange.com





I cannot believe that it is already the beginning of September, and we still find ourselves in these strange and confusing times of lockdown. I would like to update you all on a few things as we begin to address the easing of restrictions of this lockdown.

Opening of Churches

As you know, all our churches in the Team are now open for private prayer and I would like to thank those who are making this possible. Compliance with the guidelines is not easy especially as they seem to be changing constantly.

Post COVID Service Sunday Plan

Our service plan has needed to be looked at and this is something which Sue had started prior to lockdown. We have considered all the comments that we received (and they were many and varied) and applied a few guiding principles to what we can offer with the reduced staffing following Meg's retirement. The principles are as follows:

Post COVID Sunday Service Structure

- Never more than 6 morning services on a Sunday.
- Never more than 2 Eucharists simultaneously.
- Team services should be monthly.
- A Eucharist should be available at 8.00am (BCP), 9.30am and 11.00am within the team when there is no Team or Festival service.
- A Family Service at 11.00am should be available somewhere when there is no Team or Festival service.
- New opportunity for a 5th Sunday to be used to link parish clusters with local schools/community perhaps.

The proposed pattern fulfils the above criteria, including an Evensong on the first Sunday and maintains as much of the existing pattern and preferences as possible.

The new rota allows for more flexibility and the clergy will have more time to spend with congregations and not have to always run off to the next service. As you can imagine, this will cause some concern as change is never easy. The final few negotiations and PCC meetings are taking place as I write, however by the time you read this, we will be back in our churches for public worship - under strict compliance with the legal guidelines set out by government.

During this lockdown period, I have been reading St Paul's letters and came across this passage again which I think speaks to how we conduct ourselves during this current situation.

Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 2, Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...

Please do contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

With love in Jesus

Wayne Lautenbach (Team Rector) @hermteamministry (Facebook page)

Services for September and October in East Ilsley and Compton *Please wear a face covering*

Date	East Ilsley Church	Compton Church
Sunday 6 th September <i>Trinity 13</i>	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 13 th September <i>Trinity 14</i>	No Service here today	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 20 th September <i>Trinity 15</i>	11.00am All Age Praise	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 27 th September <i>Trinity 16</i>	10.00am Team Service at Compton Church – all are welcome (there is an 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys)	
Sunday 4 th October <i>Trinity 17</i>	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	11.00am All Age Praise
Sunday 11 th October <i>Trinity 18</i>	No Service here today	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 18 th October <i>Trinity 19</i>	11.00am All Age Praise	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday 25 th October <i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am Team Service – location TBC* at time of print – all welcome (there is an 8am Holy Communion (BCP) at Hampstead Norreys)	

* Please visit the Team website (www.hermitage-team.org.uk) nearer the time for confirmation of location for the team service in October.

We will continue to offer some online services throughout September via Zoom, all are welcome but particularly for those of you not yet ready to meet up inside the Church.



Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays @ 9am
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89268945359?pwd=RVhacHZ6dnREWFRPNlEt3c3l1ZEhLZz09>
Meeting ID: 892 6894 5359
Password: 025022



We will continue to add recorded services to our YouTube Channel, please subscribe and you will be alerted when a new service has been added. <http://bit.ly/hermitageteam-youtube>

Reverend Wayne will continue with his online Bible Study throughout September. These will take place on 2nd, 16th and 30th September at 7.30pm via Zoom. Please feel free to join in at any time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89982946782?pwd=SFdhR0pSbGV3NUdBOFRQU2hFZDIzUT09>
Meeting ID: 899 8294 6782 Password: 001716

The Downland Practice

Welcome to the Downland Practice patient info sheet. This edition will concentrate on the following issues:

1. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
2. Medication Drop Off Services
3. Compton Surgery
4. Practice Staff Update
5. Carers - Identify yourself please
6. Appointments
7. Flu Clinics 2020



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The Coronavirus is still with us even if it feels that normality is getting closer. All patients are required to wear a face mask when visiting the surgery, currently only 50% of patients actually do this. Please turn up at the surgery wearing a face mask. The Practice is still offering GP telephone appointments to its registered patients, this system will be modified as the COVID-19 situation improves. To date we have only had one unhappy patient with concerns over having to wait for the GP to call them back. If any of our registered patients have any concerns about GP telephone calls then please do not question the reception staff (who are working very hard to amend to the changes) email the Practice Manager on pm.downland@nhs.net Updates on the Downland Practice can be found at the practice website news section here:

www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk

Medication Drop Off Services

During the last few months, the local community have come together to make sure that medication deliveries are getting out to those personnel who are being shielded or are unable to leave their house for whatever reason. On behalf of all the staff and partners at the Downland Practice to all of the Volunteers who have helped deliver medications out to the patients registered at the Downland Practice. This service will stop after the delivery on the 31 July 2020, this is in line with the government guidance on shielded persons. The village medication pick up points will still be available; this was the system that was firmly in place before COVID-19 arrived.

Compton Surgery

The Surgery at Compton has a great history of serving the local community with Primary Care Services (PCS). The Surgery at Compton has had the treatment rooms and patient waiting area painted / had new flooring placed in the treatment rooms. The new lighting that has been fitted into the patients waiting area, the GP consulting and nursing rooms has been bought and paid for by the patients of Compton, this is as a result of the just giving page that was set up. Thank you to everyone who donated money to support this project, the target set of £1,000 has been reached. Nursing and blood collection clinics are now up and running, GP clinics are likely to restart on September 2020.

Practice Staff

Dr Christine Davies and Dr Bernadette Clarke will be leaving us at the End of August 2020, we are aware that Dr Davies and Dr Clarke have been with the Downland Practice for several years and will be greatly missed. We have successfully recruited two new GP's, Dr Dhesi will be starting in early August and Dr Reed will be starting later in the year.

COVID Antigen Testing for Travel and Pre-Op

We understand from some constituents that patients are being directed to practices to seek COVID antigen testing for the purpose of seeking permits to travel (such as to Australia). This has not been commissioned to GPs and is private work. We suggest practices direct their

patients to the large number of travel clinics out there who offer this service. Similarly, some surgical teams are requesting COVID antigen testing from GP as part of their pre-operative assessment. Unless there is local agreement in place, pre-operative tests are the responsibility of the surgical provider, not the GP. Regardless, most practices do not have access to all they need to perform a COVID antigen test for their patients.

GP Appointments

Please ring the surgery before 12.30 if you require a telephone consultation with a GP on the day. Calls received from patients in the afternoon may have a GP telephone call booked for the next working day.

Flu Clinics 2020

The Flu season will be underway in September 2020, the expectations are that more people than normal will be requiring their Flu vaccinations this season. With demand expected to be high for Flu vaccinations, patients are advised to book their Flu appointment early. Flu Clinics will be open for booking mid Aug 2020. We will be planning to hold the clinics in a safe environment respecting current social distancing guidance. If the COVID-19 situation changes in the local area then the Flu clinics will still go ahead but the process may differ slightly. Last season's Flu clinics received some great feedback from our patients and we aim to deliver a similar style to this year's Flu clinic. We will not be sending out letters to patients until the end of the flu season. Top tip - if you want to book your Flu vaccination appointment early then keep an eye out on the Downland Practice website news section www.downlandpractice.nhs.uk to see when the 2020 Flu clinics are open.



Face masks are not meant for babies

Babies and toddlers under the age of 3 years should not wear face coverings, as there is a serious risk of choking and suffocation. Some retailers are selling masks for babies and toddlers, however, Public Health England are very clear that these should not be used because of the significant risks.

Young children under the age of 11 are not required to wear face masks.

If you are unsure or need any help or information, please speak to your health professional (Health Visitor or GP)

This message has been brought to you by:
• NHS Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group • Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
• Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust • Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership

Health officials are warning that babies and children under the age of three must not wear masks or face coverings as they pose serious risks of choking and suffocation.

The Government introduced new rules on face masks in public places in July but, following the news that some shops were selling masks for very young children, the health teams at the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust and Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group are warning parents of the dangers these pose.

Tricia Pease, Associate Chief Nurse Safeguarding, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Designated Professional, Child Death, Berkshire West, said: "Whilst the wearing of masks for any child under the age of 11 is not compulsory, we've noticed some shops have been selling masks aimed specifically at babies and toddlers. We are genuinely concerned about this and want to alert parents and carers to the dangers around masks and face coverings for these infants.

The best way to protect children is to follow good hygiene practices.



A new online support network has been launched to help children and young people struggling with mental health difficulties.

The Youth Counselling service, called Kooth, will complement a range of other mental health support

packages provided for youngsters across Berkshire West. It's primarily aimed at dealing with issues around Covid but will play a key role in supporting the young people re-adjust to life post-Covid.

Kooth, which is live now, provides a seven day a week online platform with a trained counsellor available until 10pm each night. It offers self help and useful psychological information; moderated peer support alongside supervised and professional support. There is also be an option of around 8 sessions with the same counsellor if this is felt the best way of helping the young person.

There's access to a magazine with personal experience stories and self help tips from other young people, a discussion board, live chat facilities and support for youngsters to write a daily journal to reflect on how they are coping.

The service, which is aimed at 11 to 18 year olds, is being pioneered by Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in partnership with the 3 Local Authorities with support from Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and our local voluntary sector. It's already up and running in 140 other CCG areas across the country, and last year supported more than 134,000 children and young people.

Kooth will virtually support children who are waiting to see a counsellor and also divert those who don't need a face to face appointment - freeing up places for more pressing cases. Special sessions for school staff are being held to raise awareness of the service, and there will be posters and information cards available to youngsters when they return to the classrooms in September.

Katrina Anderson, Director of joint Commissioning for Berkshire West CCG, said: "Kooth is a widely respected tool with a good track record of delivering vital mental health support to children and young people. It's working very well in many other areas of the country where it is accessible to more than 75 per cent of 11-18 year olds.

"Covid has placed specific challenges on young people - the sudden interruption of their school life, separation from their friends, social isolation, being at home with family members who may be worried about jobs and finances, concerns about health - all on top of the other issues young people struggle with as they are growing up," she added.

"And these sort of worries won't go away for many of them when they go back to school in September which is why this easy-to-access online service is so invaluable.

"As we emerge from Covid it's clear there will be increased pressure on our services that offer emotional and mental health services and Kooth will help ease that demand. People with higher risk needs will still be provided with a network of appropriate support, and the professionals running the Kooth service will also identify cases online that are in need of extra help. However, in many cases, children and young people can be supported very ably by the online service, talking to their contemporaries, sharing their own stories and coping strategies," she said.

Wokingham Borough Council executive member for children's services Cllr UllaKarin Clark added, "The lockdown has been hard on all of us, but it has been particularly difficult on our young people. Young people, who would normally spend their days structured around school, have now spent four months isolated in their houses, without their friends, teachers and extended families.

Cllr Clark continued, "Some will have been at home with both parents trying to juggle working from home and home schooling, some will have had a parent who was a key worker having to continue going out to work, some will have been going to school as both parents were key workers – the situation will be different, but the impact on all will be great. Having a service like Kooth is so very important at a time like this. We need to support our young people as we move further through the Covid pandemic."

Deborah Glassbrook, Director of Children's Services at Brighter Futures for Children which delivers education, early help and children's social care services in Reading, said: "I am delighted the Kooth online counselling service is now available to young people in Reading."

"We should not under-estimate the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the mental health and wellbeing of our children and young people. Schooling was brought to an abrupt end for most pupils who then went months without seeing their friends and teachers and lost the daily structure to their lives."

"We have been actively promoting this well-respected counselling service and will continue to do so. I am sure it will be a great benefit to many young people as they adjust to life after lockdown."

Dominic Boeck, West Berkshire's Executive Member for Education, Children and Young People said: "Kooth is a welcome support. Life has changed beyond recognition for young people over the past few months. Change is often difficult in 'normal' times. However, without access to school and the usual contact and support from their friend groups, it has been a massive period of adjustment. I'm sure that many young people will benefit from being able to talk through the difficulties they've faced during this period. Kooth will ease the mounting pressure on mental health services and complement existing services that we already offer such as Time to Talk, a personalised 121 support and counselling service."



Do you have a good understanding of what is going on where you live?

Do you have a bit of time to give to someone who might need your help or is lonely?

Community Navigators Wanted!

We are looking for people with the right attitude and qualities to help us strengthen the community around you and to support people to live healthy, independent lives for as long as possible.

We are looking for Community Navigators, volunteers to support people to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

This could include:

- having a chat and cuppa to understand interest and needs
- signposting to local services and community activities,
- helping to build confidence to attend groups and activities
- helping people to access a wider range of information so they can make better choices
- building social networks that will link people together

Volunteering in your local community can be very rewarding and is a great way to:

- meet new people
- gain new or use existing skills
- get experience
- make a big difference to your community

If this sounds like this could be something for you or you want to find out more please contact Andrea at community.strength@eightbellsnewbury.co.uk or phone 07985 404 302.

Alternatively find out more at <http://eightbellsnewbury.co.uk/cs> or to apply online <http://eightbellsnewbury.co.uk/volunteer>



Autumn Group

incorporating the

Hobbies Club



The Autumn Group is based at the Wilkins Centre, behind Compton Village Hall and up to the start of the pandemic met every Monday and Tuesday afternoon. We have members from Compton, East and West Ilsley, Chilton and most other surrounding villages.



In normal times we had regular speakers and outings. Cat Protection, the police re spam, Hording Disorders, Guide Dogs and Dyson.

Our outings included visits to the Bicester Village, the New Forest as well as a delightful barge trip on the Kennet and Avon Canal, A terrific lunch at the Foinaven (Compton) and a lovely garden party.



Unfortunately, with this awful pandemic, we have had to stop our meetings and find other ways of operating.

We are endeavouring to produce a regular members newsletter which includes various suggestions of things to do, articles of what members have done plus a competition with a small prize which is posted out once a month.

Obviously this all comes at a cost and we are very lucky to receive the support both in kind and donations from very many of the local community including the East Ilsley Trust Fund, the East Ilsley Sheep Fair, Compton Parish Council and others.



Our main project now is how to repeat the highly successful lunch we hold on Christmas Day for people on their own.

This year will be a significant challenge. It is very unlikely that we will be able to hold it in the Wilkins Centre. We do have the option of the Village Hall if the Government Guidelines allow and guests want to attend.

We are also looking at whether we can get the lunches cooked centrally i.e. by a pub (paid for of course) and we deliver with a small present and provide some company, if wanted.

Finally, if you would like to help us in any way or join the Group or Hobbies Club, please contact me.

Patricia Burnett, 07786856440

Hampstead Norreys WI



Like all groups and clubs the WI has not been able to hold our usual meetings. We are all looking forward to being able to meet again.

Whilst under 'lock down' many of us have been busy in the garden, clearing out cupboards etc. etc.

The current situation has helped communities come together in all sorts of ways. Our WI is helping to make scrubs, scrub bags, hats and masks for the NHS. Those of us doing this are led by Sue Walsh, in East Ilsley, who is an amazing lady. She encourages, cajoles and is extremely grateful for all the help she receives. What started as a small group of about 6 people from Compton and East Ilsley has grown to over 40 and the finished products are VERY well received by the nurses and doctors. It is good for us to be able to help and feel useful in these strange times.

As soon as we are up and running again we will look forward to seeing 'old' and new members. We will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 in Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. When we are able, we will let you know details of the speakers. Why not make a resolution to join us?

Ilsley Under Fives

We are a small and friendly toddlers group run completely by parents in East and West Ilsley and surrounding villages.

Wednesday during term time from 9:45am to 11:15

Fun Activity

Make New Friends

We run different activities each week from crafts and games to exciting trips out and would love to welcome some new parents/carers and little ones to join us.

Please email Jillian.hobbs@outlook.com for more information or find us on Facebook at "Ilsley Under fives"

Hello everyone!

We are pleased to announce that the Ilsley under-fives are back to running our weekly meet ups!

Due to current circumstances we've had to make some adjustments to our sessions and will no longer be running the group in the village hall.

Instead we will be focusing our sessions on outdoor learning and other fun activities around the local area.

We aim to meet on a Wednesday morning; however, times and places may change so feel free to message Ellie Blyth via Facebook or email Jill at the email on the poster for more details.

We try to ensure our sessions are relaxed and fun and would love to see some new faces!

East Ilsley - 100 years ago

29th July 1920

CAUTION POST - The County Council have agreed to erect a new caution post in the village, and on the present post to add the notice, "please drive slowly".



5th August 1920

ILSLEY SHEEP FAIR

Messrs. Franklin and Gale had a good supply at their auction sale on August 2nd, the entry including about five hundred store sheep and lambs from the local flocks, and 10 Hampshire Down ram lambs from the registered flock of Mr. A. C. King, Braishfield Manor, Romney, Hants. There was a good all-round trade and prices ruled high, draft sheep making 106s., and 107s., and 136s., while store lambs made 68s., 83s., 89s., 92s., 108s., and 110s. a spirited competition took place for the consignment of ram lambs, which made from 9 to 12½ guineas each, with an average of £11 1s. 6d.

26th August 1920

THE NEW RECTOR

The Rev. Arthur Ogle, who has just been appointed by Magdalen College to the living of East Ilsley, is a man of mark says, "Oxford Chronicle." He came to Magdalen as a Classical Exhibitioner from Merchant Taylors School, Crosby, Liverpool, in 1890 but turned to the History School and won the Stanhope Prize in 1894 with a very remarkable study of the Marquis d'Argenson, which received high praise from both Lord Acton and Professor Coldwin Smith. His first cursey was at Cirecester, where he went in 1896 and where he did specially good work in the poor district.

In 1898 he went to be librarian at Mr. Gladstone's well-known foundation, St Deniel's Hawarden, and later became Warden of the Church Hospital at Bangor and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Bangor. In 1909 he was presented by his college to the living of Otham, near Maidstone. While there he produced a remarkable book "The Law of Mediaeval England" a reply to Professor F. W. Maitland and a vindication of the continuity of the Church in England and Wales. Just recently he has done excellent service to the State, fighting along with Sir Samuel Hoare, M.P. and others, a gallant and already not unsuccessful battle for the abolition of the inequitable abnormalities in the rating of the parsons' tithe. He was married in 1903 and has three children. He was prominent as an undergraduate at the Union, and is a distinctly good speaker. East Ilsley, which has become vacant by the happy return of Canon Whitham to the Principalship of Cullham Training College, is though somewhat buried in the Downs -does not Matthew Arnold write of

The signal dim that looks toward Ilsley Downs: -

A pleasant and interesting parish. The living was held for many years in the latter half of the last century by the Rev. Edward Halifax Hansell, and it was there that his son, the present Chancellor of the Oxford Diocese, Mr. Edward Hansell, K. C. spent his boyhood. For many years it was the centre of a sheep-rearing industry. Now that is less important. Its other activity was as a centre for training racehorses. This still continues.

The Crown & Horns, East Ilsley



The Crown & Horns is a beautiful country inn, nestled in the heart of West Berkshire's racing countryside. Situated on Compton Road in East Ilsley, the renovated pub has 11 individually designed en-suite rooms clustered around our beautiful courtyard. The Crown & Horns is the perfect stop over for both business and leisure. Our new menu is available 7 days a week between 12noon and 9pm, with addition of our tasty homemade traditional Sunday lunch on Sundays. Call us to make your reservation now 01635 281545 or find us on Facebook 'Crown & Horns east Ilsley'.

Use the voucher below to enjoy a meal with us and receive 10% off food only (excludes drinks)
(We are COVID secure)



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Present this voucher when paying your food bill and receive 10% off your food bill
Valid till 30th September 2020
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AMAZING MEAT PRIZES





GreenFest Online

What can we say? We were so excited about GreenFest 2020 ... and so, so ready. But then the pandemic struck and we felt we had no choice but to reschedule for next year. But never fear. We're a committed bunch here at GreenFest HQ and we can't bear to exit 2020 without sharing at least a smattering of GreenFest inspiration.

GreenFest online will run from Monday 31 August to Saturday 5th September. Our programme is packed full of useful workshops intended to help you continue on your journey to a more sustainable lifestyle and introducing you to the many wonderful eco-businesses and personalities that are right here, on our doorstep.

We're also delighted that Matthew Shribman, well-known Scientist, Environmentalist and Orator, has agreed to deliver a Facebook Live key note talk for us on what has arguably become the environmentalist term of 2020 - A Green Recovery.

For those who haven't come across Matthew before, he has appeared on TV, radio and is prevalent on social media (check out Matthew Shribman's Science In The Bath and AimHi). His podcast, A Piece of String, is supported by QI co-founder, John Mitchinson. He also founded Planet A to turn respected scientific knowledge into urgently needed action.



The programme for GreenFest Online is on the opposite page. There is something for everyone, whether it is learning how to make beeswax wraps, finding out how tree seedlings in your garden can be used to help create a 'Lockdown wood', building a bee house (suitable for children) or making your own household cleaners.

Head over to <https://www.facebook.com/ourgreenfest/events> to register your interest in the Facebook events you'd like to attend. By doing so you'll receive reminders about the event. We will share the event links through the event itself, which is another reason to register your interest.

We'll also share the link for each event on our Facebook feed at the time the event is scheduled to start so if in doubt, head over to <https://www.facebook.com/ourgreenfest>.

If you don't have a Facebook account but are interested in watching some of the GreenFest Online events we have lined up, email us at ourgreenfest@gmail.com.



GreenFest Online Programme

Aug 31	Help the Bees - including making your own bee house, Ben Tichband
Monday: 10am to 10:20am	
Aug 31	Hampstead Norreys Community Shop is Planting an Orchard
Monday: 6pm to 6:10pm	
Aug 31	Sustainable Style Studio - Organise your Clothes, Victoria Lochhead
Monday: 7:30pm to 8pm	
Aug 31	Carolyn Culver: Green Priorities for the Neighbourhood
Monday: 8:30pm to 8:45pm	
Sept 1	Cook with Colline: Easy & Tasty Vegan Meal Ideas, Colline's Kitchen of Newbury
Tuesday: 4:30pm to 4:45pm	
Sept 1	Sustainable Style Studio - Identifying your Style, Victoria Lochhead
Tuesday: 7:30pm to 8pm	
Sept 1	Make your Own Beeswax Wraps, Claire of Little B
Tuesday: 8:30pm to 9pm	
Sept 2	Lockdown Woods - Grow Trees At Home for this Commemorative Wood
Wednesday: 11am to 11:10am	
Sept 2	The Story of Hermitage Cycle Path and Future Extensions, West Berks Spokes
Wednesday: 7:30pm to 7:45pm	
Sept 2	SESI and the Circular Economy, Tom from Thatcham Refillable
Wednesday: 8:30pm to 9pm	
Sept 3	Ecobrick Pond: Creating an Ecobrick Structure to Support Nature
Thursday: 3pm to 3:10pm	
Sept 3	WBCAN: What can I do about Climate Change?, Miriam Lee
Thursday: 8pm to 8:15pm	
Sept 4	Biocycle: A Student Project Tackling Food Waste in Southampton
Friday: 5pm to 5:15pm	
Sept 4	How to set up a Community Fridge/Larder and Why, Riki Therivel
Friday: 7:30pm to 8:15pm	
Sept 4	Make your own Household Cleaners, Sally from BZB Eco Store and Refills
Friday: 8:30pm to 9pm	
The GRAND FINALE	
Sept 5	What does a Green Recovery look like? Matthew Shribman
Saturday: 7:45pm to 9pm	



Open Air Sculpture Exhibition - 'Altered States'

Saturday 5th September to Sunday 27th September 2020 - Shaw House - 11am to 4pm - Free

The Orangery Lawn at Shaw House will be transformed into an open air sculpture exhibition where you can discover artworks by acclaimed sculptors in the grounds of this lovely historic setting. This exhibition has been rescheduled from the originally advertised date of May 2020. Sculptures will be well spaced apart to allow social distancing in the grounds. Please do not touch the sculptures. There is no need to book - just drop in. All works on display will be available for purchase.

Monday to Friday: Visitors will have access to the grounds only.

Weekends: The House and grounds will be available. The shop, café and toilets will be open. The café will be running a take-out service. It is mandatory to wear a face covering inside Shaw House.

For more information about the exhibiting artists please visit

www.alteredstatessculptures.co.uk



Opera Unlocked - outdoor performance

**Sunday 20 September 2020 | Shaw House | 4pm gate, 5pm performance |
Adult £12.50 Child £5**

Kennet Opera celebrate the opportunity to sing again in an outdoor concert performance of their favourite arias and choruses, in the beautiful grounds of Shaw House.

Bring your own picnic, warm clothes, seating/rug. Please observe social distancing at all times and be prepared to be directed to an area in which to sit.

Refreshments will be available from the cafe to take outside. It is mandatory to wear a face covering inside Shaw House.

Tickets on sale now www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



West Berkshire Museum presents for Black History Month 2020: Inspirational Spoken Word Music by Windrush actor/poet Victor Richards

Acclaimed Windrush actor/poet Victor Richards presents spoken word performance including his recent three spoken word music videos of Windrush themes. Enjoy Victor's unique style of performance and be inspired by his edutainment spoken word.

Actor/poet/storyteller Victor Richards was the London-born Leicester-bred son of Barbadian parents who came to Britain in the 1950s. His most popular Windrush one-man play Streets Paved with Gold is a long running theatre and community play. This is a pre-recorded event that will be available to purchase for £5 from 1st to 31st October 2020. www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on



**GOVERNOR
ELECTIONS**

NHS
South Central
Ambulance Service
NHS Foundation Trust



WE NEED YOU!

Do you want to make a difference
to your local ambulance services?

Nominations run from
21 September to 11 October

Elections run from
2 to 23 November

As a governor you can play a key role in
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We have vacancies for public governors
across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire,
Berkshire and Hampshire.



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GOVERNOR ELECTIONS



Governors represent the interests of our public and staff members, general members of the public and stakeholders in our local communities.

This is to help provide the best patient care in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex.

We provide 999, NHS 111, Integrated Urgent Care and Patient Transport Services in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hampshire and patient transport services in Surrey and Sussex.

Governors have lots of important responsibilities such as appointing and holding to account the chair and other non-executive directors, contributing to the development of the Trust's strategy, and engaging with the members who elect them.

Governors need to be confident communicators and able to speak to our members and the public about complex healthcare matters.

To be eligible to be a governor you must be a member of the constituency you wish to stand for and be 16 or over.

Appointment terms start on 1 March 2021 and a full induction programme will be provided.

Members have until the autumn to complete an application to become a governor.

**Nominations run from
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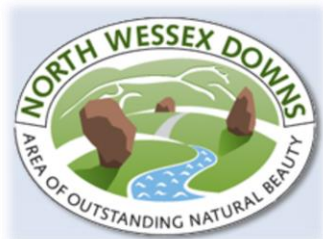
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If you want to find out more please email Company.Secretary@scas.nhs.uk or visit our website <https://www.scas.nhs.uk/elections/> to sign up as a member and find out how to become a governor.



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Could you be the next Chairman of the Council of Partners?

Do you love the North Wessex Downs? Would you like to play a leading role helping to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of this nationally protected landscape?

The Council of Partners is the governing body for the AONB. It comprises the nine local authorities in the area together with representation from the farming, recreation, nature conservation and heritage sectors.

We are looking for someone to lead the Partnership that cares for the North Wessex Downs (AONB) and help us realise the ambitions set out in the AONB's statutory Management Plan.

This is a challenging role demanding a skilled communicator with strong leadership skills, able to influence effectively at all levels and fulfil the ambassadorial role required to promote our Partnership. Your passion for beautiful landscapes and understanding of conservation issues will inspire others. In return for your personal commitment and involvement in the AONB Partnership, working with a supportive team of professional staff, the role offers the reward of making a difference to one of our finest landscapes.

The role is unpaid, although an honorarium is available together with reasonable expenses. The estimated time commitment is approximately 3 to 3½ days per month. More details and how to apply are published in the Candidate Brief which is available on request by emailing susanclarke@northwessexdowns.org.uk. For an informal discussion about the role please contact Henry Oliver, Director, on 01488 680454.

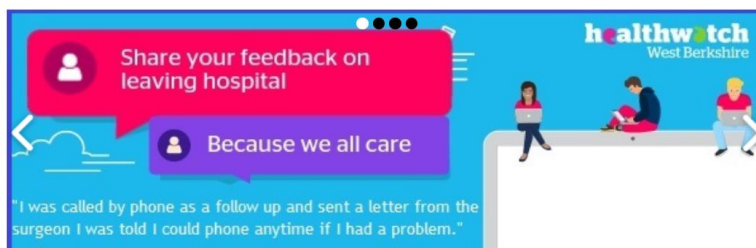
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West Berkshire

Your spotlight on local health & social care services

Healthwatch West Berkshire are your local champions for people who use health and social care services. They are there to find out what matters to people and help make sure their views shape the support they need. They find out what is needed or what could be improved and share those views with those with the power to make change happen.

You can help them by completing a short survey if you have had experience of leaving a hospital during the Covid-19 Pandemic and you can access the survey online here:

<https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/tell-us-about-your-experience-leaving-hospital-during-covid-19>



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MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

SERVICE No.	6a	6a	6	6	6	6	6
NEWBURY Station [T] ➡	0842	1022	1222	1422	1807
Newbury The Wharf [D]	0650	0850	1030	1230	1430	1615	1815
Newbury - Park Way [P]	0652	0852	1032	1232	1432	1617	1817
Donnington, The Castle Inn	0657	0857	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shaw Cemetery	.....	.....	1040	1240	1440	1625	1825
Chieveley, East Lane	0707	0907	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beedon, Coach PH	0711	0911	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hermitage Post Office	.....	.....	1050	1250	1450	1635	1835
Hampstead Norreys, Water Street	.....	.....	1057	1257	1457	1642	1842
Compton, High St, opp The Swan	.....	.....	1105	1305	1505	1650	1850
East Ilsley, Broad Street	.....	.....	1109	1309	1509	1654	1854
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0721	0925	1115	1315	1515	1700	.....

MONDAYS - SATURDAYS

SERVICE No.	6	6	6	6	6	6a	6a
WEST ILSLEY, The Harrow PH	0722	0930	1117	1317	1517	1702	.....
East Ilsley, Broad Street	0728	0936	1123	1323	1523	1708	1854
Compton, The Swan	0732	0941	1128	1328	1528	.....	.....
Hampstead Norrey, Water Street	0741	0950	1137	1337	1537	.....	.....
Hermitage Post Office	0748	0958	1145	1345	1545	.....	.....
Beedon, Coach & Horses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1721	1901
Chieveley, East Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1725	1905
Donnington, The Castle Inn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1729	1914
Shaw Cemetery	0756	1006	1153	1353	1553	.....	.....
Newbury, Park Way [Q]	0805	1012	1159	1359	1559	1733	1918
Newbury The Wharf [H]	0806	1013	1200	1400	1600	1735	1919
Newbury Station ➡	.....	1018	1205	1405	.....	.....	1922R
The Oaks	0816	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NEWBURY College	0818	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tesco The Triangle	0818	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park House School, Monk's Lane	0821	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wash Common, Glendale Avenue	0825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

No service on Sundays or Public Holidays. For additional journeys between Chieveley and Newbury, see Service 5c. Tickets are inter-available.

Notes:

— Served when the College is in session

— Served when the College is not in session

➡ – Rail station nearby

R – Continues to the Rail Station if requested by passengers



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Last year, West Berkshire Libraries worked with children's reading charity BookTrust to deliver over 3,500 Bookstart book packs to families with babies of 0-12 months and to children aged 3-4 years. Packs are normally distributed for us by the district's Health Visiting Teams and by pre-schools and nurseries, but during lockdown this wasn't possible.

If you have a baby who has already had their 8-week check or a child who is now nearly 5 and you have not yet received a Bookstart pack for them, you can collect one from your local library. Please ring any West Berkshire library to arrange a collection time.

Directory



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Royal Berkshire Hospital 0118 3225111

Radcliffe Infirmary 01865 311188

John Radcliffe Hospital 01865 741166

Downland Practice Chieveley 01635 248251

Police

Thames Valley Police 01865 841148

Emergency 999

Non-Emergency 101

Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

Schools

Ilsley Under 5's 01635 281327

The Ilsleys Primary School 01635 281225

The Downs School Compton 01635 27000

Utilities

BT Faults 151

BT General Enquiries 0118 957 5877

Southern Water 0845 7708090 (Emergencies)

Thames Water 0845 9200900 (Emergencies)

Southern Electric (SSE) 105 or 0800 0727282 (Emergencies)

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