

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT - 4

Thank you all again for being so consistently helpful, creative and supportive in this very difficult time.

We're only a short distance into the 'lock down' but things are starting to bite. These are unprecedented times. People who have always been self-reliant now find themselves in a strange place where their livelihood has gone. Those with little in the way of savings may be scarily close to the edge. And people with limited income find themselves at home all day with heating bills and kids to feed. The cause? – Coronavirus. If you have been pushed by this pandemic into a position where you need help, please do ask for it. It's important you stay home and stay safe. The Parish Council offers a completely confidential support service. No-one will know if you ask for something. We have a 'where there's a will, there's a way' attitude so please – if you need something – do ask. It may be food or toiletries or baby supplies. It may be advice about benefits or business support. Ask us anything – if we don't know immediately, we can find out. Contact the Parish Support Coordinators – Phone 07762 449935 or 01743 718838, or email the Parish Clerk: condoverpc@gmail.com We will do what we can to help.

Shropshire Council Food Parcels for the most vulnerable households

Coronavirus support - Shropshire Council are asking anyone who has either received the Government's letter about being identified as one of the 'most vulnerable who should be shielded', or anyone else who is in need of support and cannot get access to food, to call the Coronavirus Helpline on 0345 678 9028. Advisers will be able to ensure that people who are 'shielding' are receiving the support they need over the coming 12 weeks and onwards. Please share this information with people who are not online

Please remember: if you need help to deliver your prescription and/or to pick up your medication, there is now a local service in place for the surgeries and pharmacies in Dorrington and Bayston Hill. This is being coordinated by the Parish Council – please contact the **Parish Support Coordinators – Phone 07762 449935 or 01743 718838**

Business Support

This is a very difficult time for businesses. Government assistance can be complicated to access. For information and support please look at the Dorrington Business Network FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DORRINGTONBUSINESSNETWORK.UK/>

or Shropshire Council business support:

<https://shropshire.gov.uk/business-support/>

or Invest in Shropshire

<http://www.investinshropshire.co.uk/business-support-advice-covid-19/>

Shropshire Council Ancestry Library and Find My Past are being made available free of charge for use at home while libraries in Shropshire are closed to reduce the spread of coronavirus. These fantastic resources for family history research are usually only accessible for free from library branches; but for a limited time, special access has been set up to enable library members to use them from home in the **e-library**. Library members can simply log into **Shropshire Libraries Catalogue** with their library card number and their pin number and start researching. For those who are not library members yet, it's easy to **join online** for free

Play areas and recreation areas - All public play areas are now closed. Condoval Woodland Park is closed for the foreseeable future, as are the play park and MUGA in Dorrington. Please remember social distancing when using the Condoval Village Sports Ground and Dorrington Recreation Ground and ensure your children understand why this is important.

DOG WALKERS – PLEASE pick up after your dog. An increasing amount of mess is causing difficulties for walkers and land owners alike. **Take your bag home** – don't stuff it in a hedge or throw it away on your walk.

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Thank you everyone – Stay well