

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT - 7

It's great that our communities continue to pull together, supporting neighbours, sticking to the Government guidelines and managing to stay positive.

Well done to **all the drivers** who are helping with prescriptions and medicines. This is an important service and hugely appreciated by those who cannot leave their homes. Special thanks have to go to our Coordinator, Michele, who continues to manage the service and look after all the many enquiries.

Special thanks also to everyone who supported the **Drummond family of Station Road in Condover**, who made a remarkable 'ice cream van' from cardboard and offered ice lollies and cornetto's for a donation to the Parish Pay It Forward scheme run by the pop up shop. They raised £54 on the day, and received a further £10 donation from a neighbour. A grand total of £64! – fantastic! Many many thanks.

Please remember if you are struggling to buy food and essentials due to the coronavirus restrictions, or you are unwell, we have a fund available to help you, thanks to the generosity of our community. Just phone 01743 873006 or email condovershop@gmail.com. All requests will be held in the strictest of confidence. It's what the Pay It Forward scheme is for – please do use it.

Thank you to everyone who is sharing stuff with neighbours - from plants and compost, to crafty things and knitting wool, all manner of hints, tips and ideas for things to do in lockdown, and suggestions about how to resolve everyday problems. In addition to phone calls and 'over the fence' chats, there's a huge amount of information exchanged on village and Parish Facebook pages – please do share interesting snippets with people who don't have Facebook accounts:

Condover Neighbourhood is the Parish Council public Facebook page.

Dorrington Community Support, Condover Community Group and Ryton Village Support Network are 'closed' discussion and information groups you can join. They have details about support locally and across the Parish, and if you want to offer help or need local information they can be a good place to start.

There's lots of information and support out there – please just ask!

There are two Bank Holidays in May:

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL BANK HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION	
Bank Holiday: 8th May 2020 (wc 4th May 2020)	
Normal Collection	Revised Collection
Monday - Thursday	No Change
Friday 8 th May 2020	Saturday 9 th May 2020
Bank Holiday: 25th May 2020 (wc 25th May 2020)	
Normal Collection	Revised Collection
Monday 25 th May 2020	Tuesday 26 th May 2020
Tuesday 26 th May 2020	Wednesday 27 th May 2020
Wednesday 27 th May 2020	Thursday 28 th May 2020
Thursday 28 th May 2020	Friday 29 th May 2020
Friday 29 th May 2020	Saturday 30 th May 2020

All rubbish collections are continuing through this difficult time. Please think of others and avoid lighting bonfires. Bonfires are becoming an increasing issue, especially as many people self-isolating at home are vulnerable with breathing issues such as asthma and so more at risk from coronavirus. Smoke from fires can stop neighbours enjoying their gardens, forcing them indoors - like a 'double lockdown'. Please be patient and wait until recycling centres re-open.

VE Day 75 cancellation advice: Very sadly, most VE Day 75 celebrations are being cancelled this year because of coronavirus. It's important to keep everyone safe. Solo pipers, buglers and town criers - if we have any in the Parish! - can still mark the occasion from a safe and suitable location. Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster VE Day 75, sends this message:

*"We are encouraging all those taking part to undertake the '**Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2**' at 3pm on the 8th May, from the safety of their own home by standing up and raising a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertaking the following 'Toast' – "To those who gave so much, we thank you," using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today."*

Hopefully we can find ways to pay tribute in the Parish.

Take care everyone