

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT - 7

Can hardly believe it's June – although the wind and rain should have been a clue! Our communities continue to pull together, supporting neighbours, sticking to the Government guidelines and managing to stay positive. Thank you all.

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.

The **Dorrington Food Share** has been paused for the moment as people seem to have found a way of managing shopping and so on. Deliveries of essentials are still being made where needed. Please let us know if your situation changes and you'd like some support. Just phone **07983 875505** or **07762 449935** - all completely confidential.

GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

We're in a rapidly changing period! At the moment we must continue social distancing of 2m (about 6 feet) and self-isolate if we or household members have or suspect we have coronavirus symptoms, but we **CAN**

- spend time outdoors, including private gardens and other outdoor spaces, in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines
- visit car showrooms, outdoor markets, garden centres, estate agents

Some children are also back at school, and hopefully enjoying seeing their friends.

We still **CAN'T**

- visit friends and family inside their homes
- stay overnight away from your own home, except for in a limited set of circumstances, such as for work purposes
- exercise in an indoor sports court, gym or leisure centre, or go swimming in a public pool
- **use an outdoor gym or playground (including Condover Woodland Park/ Dorrinton play area)**
- gather outdoors in a group of more than six (excluding members of your own household)

Over the past weeks, shops selling homewares and DIY stores have also been allowed to open.

From Monday 1st June, Shrewsbury's **Harlescott park and ride** began operating again on a trial basis. If this goes well, Meole Brace and Oxon will start up again. To help ensure social distancing, only 10 passengers are allowed on each bus, and you are asked to use a window seat, leaving a space in front of and behind you.

From 15th June, town centres will be re-opening and more people will be going back to work. Non-essential shops can reopen if they meet guidelines for social distancing and protecting staff and shoppers. This includes 'quarantining' things such as books and clothes if they are handled but not bought. Quite a lot to think about all round! Gift shops in museums, retail spaces in theatres, libraries, heritage sites and tourism sites will also be allowed to open. We'll have to wait a bit longer though for hairdressers and so on to re-open, and for pubs, restaurants and holiday facilities to get going again.

Although the restrictions are being relaxed, coronavirus is still with us. From 15th June **people using public transport MUST wear a mask or some form of face covering.** This will be the law, and you can be fined if you don't comply. There are some exceptions: small children, disabled people and people with breathing difficulties. Masks or face coverings should also be worn shops and other enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

Cloth masks or face-coverings and non-surgical masks aim to help protect other people from catching the virus from you. **They will not protect you** from catching the virus from others. If you're using a non-disposable cloth mask/face covering, this should be regularly washed in soapy water and handled carefully in case the virus – from you or from someone else – has stuck to it. All the social distancing and hand washing remains very important – keep on singing 'happy birthday'!

The requirement to wear masks or face coverings has raised a question about whether local residents have masks, can make masks or have suitable scarves and so on that could be used as a face covering. **If you have ideas about how we can ensure everyone has a supply of enough options to keep the face covering clean and stay safe please let us know.** If you're worried that you may not have something suitable, again please get in touch: **Parish Support Coordinators 07762 449935 or 01743 718838**, or email the Parish Clerk: condoverpc@gmail.com

Thank you everyone – Stay safe!