

WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

Coordinated through Woodchurch HUB

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**** This week's village updates as at 20 APRIL 2020 ****

Pandemic Central Support in Woodchurch – Woodchurch Working Together...

- We are here to co-ordinate help for anyone in the village – please call us 01233 801 789.
- Calls or emails to the Village Central Support Hotline will be picked up by our village Hotline Helpdesk Team who will then coordinate with one of our volunteers to support and complete the task.

How Woodchurch & our village groups are adapting at this time...

Each week we plan to highlight how our clubs or groups have found ways to stay together remotely to support each other and our community. **Please keep us updated and we are happy to share!**



The following groups continue to be active via their Facebook pages:

CARM Romney Marsh 	Focus has shifted to making phone calls to people who find themselves isolated. Look at their website and social media posts and via https://carmromneymarsh.org.uk/ for more information and pictures.
Ashford and Romney Marsh Dog Owners Self Isolation Support Group 	The goal of the group is simple, to provide a community for our local dog owners to help each other through these difficult times. Runs virtual dog related quizzes.
Photos of Woodchurch (Kent) 	Encouraging photos of Woodchurch past and present to be shared and commented on!
Slimming World at Woodchurch Primary School 	The group are holding weekly meetings by Zoom and sharing inspirational messages on Facebook to keep each other motivated and supported during this time.
Woodchurch Hub 	The Hub's current focus is primarily pandemic relevant village updates, however they are still available to assist with any other support or information needs within the village. https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/
Woodchurch Village Life Museum 	Posting a regular virtual tour around the museum and grounds including stories and an online puzzle.

All Woodchurch Friends - please add to Facebook any photo from anytime with the hashtag **#woodchurchweekendhappyphoto** to help cheer us all up!

Remember to follow us Woodchurch Hub on   
or visit www.woodchurchhub.uk for ongoing updates and information

Village walks – we have been asked recently about walks around the village and so we thought it would be helpful to share the information we do have as follows (this is all available on the Hub website <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/walks-around-woodchurch/>):

- 3 circular village walks: original leaflets were produced in the 1970s and WinBloom  is currently checking and updating the guides so that more can be available in the future.
- Kent government map shows public rights of way <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standardmap.aspx>
- Website shows footpaths in the area on the free version with additional features on the subscription version <https://footpathmap.co.uk/>

Can you help?

If you are aware of any other local walks including wheelchair/pushchair access friendly please let us know so that we can share those


Woodchurch Surgery is not closed, rather their doors are locked. They would like to thank the Village for the kind PPE donations received.

The surgery ask that donations of masks need to be “Type IIR” fluid resistant surgical.

Volunteers – thank you to all our growing group of village volunteers. Please remember to keep in contact with your neighbours and **if you know of anyone who may appreciate a friendly call from one of our volunteers please just let us know.**

Social distancing NOT social isolation

Foodbank donations - thank you to everyone for the donations received. These are being distributed within the local community with perishable items generally going to Pop-in Centre for inclusion with the hot meal delivered on a Wednesday.

Bonny Cravat  is going to trial ‘chip shop’ favourite takeaways on Thursdays and Fridays between 4.00 – 8.00 pm. They will deliver to the elderly and vulnerable. Please call your order through on 01233 860 345.

Sharing a few smiles

- ☺ Fun to see the Easter Bunny hopping around the Village over Easter – always maintaining social distancing!
- ☺ Thank you to the Mayor of Ashford who made a significant donation to the Pop-in Centre who are delivering a hot meal to those who used to attend the centre on a Wednesday.
- ☺ Thursdays at 8:00 pm “Clap for Carers” national tribute for NHS staff and all key workers. Let’s continue to make lots of noise to show our support and thanks!

PANDEMIC CENTRAL SUPPORT

01233 801 789 (please ensure to use dialing code)

Support@woodchurchhub.uk

www.woodchurchhub.uk

If you **need help** please call our team of village volunteers who are happy to help.

The idea is to match volunteers with people in need but this is not designed to replace any family & neighbour help, social care or NHS services that you may require.

If you **can help** please fill in the online form on www.woodchurchhub.uk or call 01233 861381. It is **brilliant** that a growing group of people are volunteering. We all need to be watchful and be ready to help our friends and neighbours at this challenging time.

Take every precaution to ensure that you are spreading only kindness. Wash hands regularly. Avoid unnecessary travel. Avoid physical contact (at least 2 metres distance). Supplies will be delivered to doorsteps, not inside homes.

Beware of scammers. Do not trust anyone you don't know who knocks on your door offering help. If in doubt contact the Central Support Hotline for advice 01233 801 789.

Stay at home if you have a fever or new persistent cough, and follow the latest government guidelines on www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19 or ring 111.

DO NOT ATTEND THE GP SURGERY

Recap on previous updates:

Pandemic Central Support - Support at this time is being coordinated nationally and this link illustrates how we are working together <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/woodchurch-community/pandemic-home/>

Woodchurch Surgery is not closed, rather their doors are locked. The surgery has now gone live with **eConsult** which is accessed via a link on their website www.woodchurchsurgery.co.uk. Alternatively, patients can **call the Surgery on 01233 860 236**. If patients have difficulty collecting their prescriptions the Surgery can arrange delivery.

Shopping - For those that do have to go out for essential items or have an online shop please remember to look out for your neighbours (particularly those self-isolating and without internet access) and see if you can add extra items for them.

Church – Details of live streamed Sunday services and midweek noon and evening prayer are posted on the Church Benefice Website www.bhhw.org.uk. There is a prayer box at the front gate and a group of Christians will pray privately for those who are lonely, afraid or sick. Contact: Ann Tiplady (Church Warden) 01233 861 363. There is a YouTube channel and Facebook page for 'Bethersden High Halden Woodchurch Benefice'

Foodbank - If you **have non-perishable food items** please drop them off (safely and only whilst on your daily walk) to these collection points: 132A Front Road (by gate) or 62 Lower Road (by front door) or 17 The Green (by front door)

If you **are in need** of foodbank donations please call the Central Support Helpline 01233 801789 or Ann Tiplady (Church Warden) 01233 861363.

Latest local shopping and delivery news <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/pandemic-shopping/>

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