

WOODCHURCH COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES



Coordinated through Woodchurch HUB

**** This week's village updates as at 11 MAY 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...

- **The Big Thin Red Line**  – Wow what an amazing day of 'stay at home' VE-Day 75th anniversary celebrations led in Woodchurch by Pat & Elaine Byrne on behalf of The Big Thin Red Line! Great to see Woodchurch in all its colours and community spirit.
- **The Woodchurch 2020 Community Awards and recognition** – Pat & Elaine presented two awards based on votes from our community as well as recognising so many people and businesses across the village. Thank you to everyone who voted. Please click here to view their full presentation <https://youtu.be/-q6hR2RhZSg>
Community Awards went to:
 - **Richard Carley** – in recognition and grateful thanks for all that he does in and around the village
 - **Woodchurch HUB and all its volunteers** - in recognition for all the support given to our community over the past year including the Pandemic Support Helpdesk.
- **Ashford Astronomical Society**  - Astronomy is a great pastime during the lockdown, especially as we have been blessed with some stunningly clear skies over the last few weeks. Members have been sharing their images and experiences on social media pages. Whether it's the Moon, Venus, star clusters, galaxies or even the recent passes by the SpaceX Starlink satellites, plenty of images on their Facebook and their website <http://www.ashfordastro.org.uk/>



Volunteers – thank you to all our village volunteers – together we are making a difference.

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

Woodchurch Community Pandemic video – *need your help!*

Two of our village teenagers (“Production Team”) have volunteered to put together a Woodchurch Community Pandemic video. This is an opportunity to show our appreciation in a fun and engaging way as well as celebrate our Woodchurch community spirit. We invite you to send us your messages and pictures as well as anything else that you think represents “Woodchurch working together” in these challenging times.



Please send:

- Short videos, photos or words to community@woodchurchhub.uk; or
- Post through the HUB letterbox; or
- Call 01233 801 789 if you require further help.

It would be great to have these through by **Thursday 21 May** and we look forward to sharing the video with you soon after.

Do you know anyone that would appreciate a regular friendly call?

We are very aware as time goes by that this is something that more people may benefit from. We have volunteers eager and keen to chat! We are all here for each other.

Staying apart and staying in touch

Are you confident that all your friends around our village are aware of the support available through the Support Hotline?

Please help us to continue to spread the word – 01233 801 789

Foodbank

Thank you for the many food donations that have been received already. If you have items that are easy to open (perhaps tear/cut top bags rather than tins) they would be appreciated eg microwave rice bags or pot noodle tubs. See below for foodbank drop off locations.

Sharing a few smiles

😊 **Biggest smiles of the week were all the Woodchurch VE-Day celebrations**

😊 Sharing Saturdays and ‘Tainment Thursdays seem to be very popular and definitely made a keyworker delighted to be able to pickup a tomato plant for free!



Keylinks from previous updates

Shopping <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/pandemic-shopping/>

Walks <https://www.woodchurchhub.uk/woodchurch-community/walks-around-woodchurch/>

Finance <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/if-you-cant-pay-your-bills-because-of-coronavirus/>

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis#tab-4>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/release-the-pressure>

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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 any food donations 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.

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