



WELCOME TO THE SEVENTH CORONAVIRUS NEWSLETTER FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Brixton Parish Council Coronavirus Newsletter

This newsletter is produced weekly (Friday) by Brixton Parish Council and published on the Brixton Parish Council website and Facebook pages. Updates in between are posted on the Brixton Devon website <https://www.brixtondevon.co.uk/> and on LoveBrixton Devon and Brixton Village Facebook. A copy is also posted on the notice board in the village by the pedestrian crossing.

Firstly, thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the guidance from Public Health England to stay at home and only make those necessary journeys for shopping, work and medicines ... you are all helping to prevent the spread of the virus to our community. It is difficult but when you see how people with the virus suffer, how long it takes to recover and how hard our NHS colleagues are working to look after us then we know how important it is that we stay at home. It has also been good to see so many people walking in the lanes for their exercise and stopping to catch up using social distancing. We never had time for this before.

Let's put out some bunting and flags on **VE Day ... Bank Holiday Friday 8th May** Due to COVID 19 national events to mark the end of the war in Europe on the 8th May 1945 have been cancelled. However, we can mark the event in our homes and in the village with flags and bunting and taking part in the national programme for that day which includes a 2 minutes silence, a national sing along and an address by the Queen. Why not have a tea party in your home rather than in the street, but have a doorstep party and connect across the fence or road with your neighbours, observing social distancing at all times?

### THIS WEEK

**Financial help may be available for families locally – Brixton Feoffee Trust and Yealm Energy Company**

**The Brixton Feoffee Trust** has allocated £3,000 from its reserves to help people who are struggling during the current crisis. One-off grants of up to £100 per household for food and basic essentials may be made depending on the individual household's circumstances and subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This funding is available for people living in Brixton parish.

Confidential applications can be made for a grant to buy food and basic essentials. Please contact the Clerk, Sally Axell, on 01752 880262 or email [brixtonfeoffeetrust@googlemail.com](mailto:brixtonfeoffeetrust@googlemail.com) for further information. Local people are already being helped by the Feoffee Trust.

**Yealm Community Energy** - COVID relief - Yealm Community Energy has committed £2,000 from its upcoming community fund payment to Brixton for measures relating to COVID-19 applications can be made by individuals, groups or organisations using the application form (2019) available on the YCE website. Please contact Andrew Moore on 01752 873532 or email [drramoore@gmail.com](mailto:drramoore@gmail.com) for more information. A small local group under the Community Emergency Plan has been set up for Brixton to monitor applications. If you need financial help in a local COVID19 related matter please contact Andrew in the first instance. A grant has already been made to an applicant in Brixton.

**National Government support for businesses** can be found on [www.businesssupport.gov.uk](http://www.businesssupport.gov.uk)

**Waste & Recycling Collections** during the Corona Virus Outbreak South Hams District Council will continue to make collections on your normal scheduled days so that you can still check your collection days on your calendar or website as you do now. Please put your waste out by 7.00am. You can also follow on twitter and Facebook. Residents are continuing to put more waste out than normal for the time of year which is creating long working days. There has been a sharp increase in all types of waste.

**KEEP DOGS ON LEADS on Public Rights of Way** - Last week a ewe pregnant with 2 lambs was killed by dog/dogs in a field in Brixton. This killing has been reported to the Police. Cllr Hart is taking the matter up with the NFU, our MP and the Police. Devon County Council has kept the public rights of way footpaths open. In Brixton we are extremely fortunate to live where we do with access to the public rights of way footpaths - all other fields are private and there is no public access. If you use the public rights of way footpaths please be considerate to the farmers who are essential workers and at risk, if the hygiene requirements for corona virus are not followed. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG/S ON SHORT LEADS AT ALL TIMES AND ALWAYS KEEP TO THE PATH WHEN WALKING ON ANY PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOOTPATHS THROUGH FIELDS** as there are baby lambs there now and ewes about to lamb ... even a dog on a lead can frighten a sheep.

People are allowed to take exercise - this does NOT include sitting down in deckchairs or having a family picnic as residents have seen at Torr and in farmers' fields. Some people are trespassing and damaging crops. Please stick to the Footpaths.

**The Brixton Prescriptions and shopping list was updated 30 April** - can be found on the Brixton Parish Council website and on Facebook - please contact Helen with any updates or additions.

## **PRESCRIPTIONS**

**New coordinator for prescriptions** - Yealm or Dean Cross. - no longer Helen Williams , NOW JULIE ECCLES phone 07786 378053 email [julieeccles1@btinternet.com](mailto:julieeccles1@btinternet.com) Huge thanks to Julie for taking this on. Same system as before, email [e.yealmmedicalcentre@nhs.net](mailto:e.yealmmedicalcentre@nhs.net) with repeat prescriptions just under two weeks before needed, email Julie two days ahead with request for pick up Tuesday or Thursday. Our FIVE prescription volunteers also help cover emergency pickups and Dean Cross, all coordinated by Julie Eccles There are over 60 regulars asking for pick up on our list, happy to take on more as needed to save trips to Dispensaries. Please pre-pay if you are not exempt, volunteers cannot pay.

**Yealmpton Stores** – (will be closed on 8th May Bank Holiday) - a great new service with the assistance of Yealmpton Volunteers. Those ordering and pre-paying from Yealmpton Stores will have their shopping picked up and delivered by volunteers from Yealmpton. Email order to [fionalogie@aol.com](mailto:fionalogie@aol.com) or phone the shop on 01752 881332. Plan for next day delivery, closed Sundays. Shopping in person is still fine for those able to visit. A big **thank you** to Yealmpton volunteers for extending their reach in this helpful way...and no need now to contact Brixton Volunteers for pick up.

**The Brixton Post Office and Shop** is open 9-12 weekdays and in Yealmpton in the afternoons. Please use the services available, including for gas and electric keys and a wide range of Post Office services, as well as newspapers, food shopping, chocolate etc... Great to see Tony back.

**Annie at 'Just Williams'** can supply 1kg bags of frozen veg and fruit, phone first to arrange payment and pick up 5-6pm ... Annie can be flexible if needed on timing.

**Debbie in the Brixton Fish & Chips** is closed for the moment through supplier issues.

**Neighbouring Yealmpton Stores and Londis at Yealmpton Garage** are also stocked and offering excellent service to locals. Keep your distance and pay by card rather than cash to minimise risk.

**Rodgers Texaco Garage/Petrol station** closed on Sundays, open from Mon- Sat 08.00-18.00hrs for the full range of services newspapers, local shopping services, car servicing and MOTs.

Please continue to return the flier - by email or phone or hard copy - **'Nobody should feel alone'**. Copies are on the Brixton Parish Council website and outside 3 Pear Tree Cottages, next to the Foxhound. **Use the form to volunteer, seek support, or both.**

**Volunteer leaders** are looking after their small areas in Brixton Parish to be a contact point, arrange local calls for those who would like this and to be alert to any issues or signs someone need help locally. Volunteer leaders walk around their area daily (while doing their exercise!) to look out for signs of distress if not already alerted by neighbours or daily phone calls. We can all help look out for each other - If starting to feel seriously unwell or unable to phone, everyone is asked to hang a pillowcase, towel or similar from their letterbox, door, and window – a visible signal that help might be needed – better safe than sorry.

A **big 'thank you'** to Helen and all our volunteers for the great work they are doing. We are also working with neighbouring parishes plus South Hams District Council and Devon County Council for more information from South Hams and Devon County Council please visit their websites.

**Shielding or At Risk?** If you have a letter from Public Health England, please register with the Brixton emergency team so that we and local volunteer leaders are aware of your circumstances as you may need extra support. All personal information is held in a way which is GDPR compliant - we will protect your personal information. Email [helen.deaswilliams@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:helen.deaswilliams@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) or phone 01752 881873. Note: There is guidance on the Brixton Parish Website and Facebook on how to register with the Government as Vulnerable if you were expecting but did not receive a letter.

**For local gardeners** thank you to Brixton Composters who have made a supply of compost available in the village and on the Composting site for collection. Please observe social distancing at all times.

**Green garden waste** can be disposed of in Brixton at the Brixton Community Composers site at the top of Lodge Lane ... this is open on weekdays ... please observe social distancing when visiting. Devon County Council has closed all recycling centres until further notice.

**Bus time tables** For information, up-to-date bus timetables, including temporary changes, go to:  
<https://www.traveldevon.info/bus/latest-news-service-updates/>

**Morrisons Doorstep Delivery** is a dedicated telephone line for their customers who are self isolating, elderly, vulnerable and not able to visit a shop but are able to place an order over the phone. Customers can choose from a Food Box or place an order from a selection of 45 essential groceries. The order is then matched to a local store that picks up the order and delivers it directly to the customer the following day and payment will be taken through a contactless card by the delivery driver. If you have friends or family in need of this help and are unable to shop in store, please ask them to call 0345 611 6111 and select option 4 to order a Food Box or 5 to place an order for Doorstep delivery. The order will take 24 hours to process.

**Sherford Community** – We are liaising closely with the Residents Association to support their community emergency response.

#### **Access to Dental Care**

Across every NHS region local Urgent Dental Care (UDC) systems are being created to provide care for people with urgent and emergency dental problems. Registered patients who have a dental practice and use it regularly should contact their dentist by phone to seek a referral. All NHS dental surgeries should be accessible by phone, even though their doors are shut.

Unregistered patients people i.e. who don't have a dentist, should call the dental helpline 03330 063300 email: - [accessdentalhelpline@nhs.net](mailto:accessdentalhelpline@nhs.net) Out of usual surgery hours, people should call NHS111. For further information, contact the NHSE/I dental team in the South West at [england.swdental@nhs.net](mailto:england.swdental@nhs.net).

**St. Marys Church, Brixton** – the church building is currently closed. For information on services and prayer groups see the [combinedbenefice.co.uk](http://combinedbenefice.co.uk) website or follow the Yealm Erme M.C. Facebook information.

**Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm** is in telephone contact with all its 40+ families. If you have concerns about a person with dementia or if as a family or a carer you need additional support please contact Maxine on 07450206312. There are also regular updates on Facebook

**Citizens Advice South Hams** - Contact information - Advice line: 03444 111 444 (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm) Email: [www.southhamscab.org.uk](mailto:www.southhamscab.org.uk) Help: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) Letter: Citizens Advice, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE

**Urgent appeal for community equipment** - If you've got any community equipment you no longer need particularly commodes, walking frames, shower stools, and raised toilet seats please can you return it. Increased demand during the corona virus (COVID-19) outbreak means these items are in danger of being in short supply. Please contact Millbrook Care on 0330 124 4491 to arrange a free contactless collection.

**South Hams District Council** has a hotline 01803 861297 for residents who can't access information and support available through the council's websites or social media but need help and support during the Corona virus outbreak. The number is open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday with an out of hours answerphone. The team can help with queries such as where to get additional help and support and put people in touch with their nearest community support group e.g. Helen and team.

#### **An update from Devon & Cornwall Police for non-emergencies**

If possible, the Police ask that you use the following options before dialing 101 for non-emergencies at this busy time. Click before you call – go online at [devon-cornwall.police.uk/](http://devon-cornwall.police.uk/) Check if you can find the answer yourself on AskNed Use the online crime reporting form Web chat live with the 101 service (link to this facility at bottom right of Devon and Cornwall Police homepage) Email the 101 service at [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) Calling 101 phone line If you do need to call 101 about a non-emergency, please be aware that it may take longer than normal to answer your call. Perhaps consider calling at a quieter time of the day, like late evening if it is not time critical.

#### **I have intelligence about a crime – who should I contact?**

Please continue to contact the police on the details listed above. If it is an emergency call 999 or for non-emergencies use the online contact options where possible. You can also report crime and intelligence anonymously via Crimestoppers either by calling 0800 555111 or by using their online reporting system at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Thank you to everyone for keeping our community going and safe... smile and wave... give a shout and make a great noise on Thursday for our wonderful health care and all support workers. Look after our farmers... keep dogs on short leads where the public rights of way footpaths cross the fields. Let's keep our distance and stay home ... coronavirus relies totally on us to spread and continue the infection it doesn't do it on its own.

**STAY AT HOME FOR  
BRITAIN AND BRIXTON**

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AT ALL TIMES**



