



WELCOME TO THE TENTH CORONAVIRUS NEWSLETTER FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Brixton Parish Council Coronavirus Newsletter

This is the final newsletter produced weekly by Brixton Parish Council and published on the Brixton Parish Council website and Facebook pages during the period of the lockdown. From now on updated information will be posted separately on the Parish Council and Brixton Devon websites and on the Love Brixton Devon and Brixton Village Facebook.

We are fighting a deadly virus. We must **STAY ALERT!** to limit the spread of coronavirus as some people return to work, schools start to reopen and there is extra time for us to exercise and be outdoors. From next week groups of up to six people can meet observing social distancing at all times. Track & trace should help identify those in contact with people tested positive. Social distancing and good hand hygiene remain essential every day behaviour to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. **Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.**

Vulnerable residents are advised to still stay at home even for essential supplies and exercise, to prevent being exposed to the virus. There is no change to this guidance, the rigorous 'shielding' measures introduced to help keep safe those who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable are still in place.

Are you or your household shielding or vulnerable? The Government encourages everyone who has received a letter advising that they are vulnerable to register on the government website or call 0800 028 8327 to register for extra support, even if they don't need it right now.

Please let the Brixton Parish Councils COVID 19 Community Emergency Team led by Cllr Helen Williams know so that your local volunteer emergency support leaders are aware in case you need extra support at any time in the future. All personal information is held in a way which is GDPR compliant. Email 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. You can also use the **'Nobody should feel alone'** flier on the website.

'Active at Home' a helpful guide for older people and those who are shielding to be active and healthy at home has been produced by Public Health England ... this can be accessed from the Devon County web site or from Public Health England.

THIS WEEK

Plans are in place to re-open St Mary's School in Brixton during the week of the 1st June. From the 1st June the fenced off area of the school grounds will remain locked as a precautionary measure for the children and the community. The field will be accessible after school hours and at weekends

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID19 CRISIS

If you live in the parish of Brixton and are experiencing financial hardship as result of the COVID-19 guidance Brixton Feoffee Trust, Yealm Community Energy Company or South Hams Local Support Fund may be able to help you/ your family.

Brixton Feoffee Trust has allocated £3,000 from its reserves for one-off grants of up to £100 per household for food and basic essentials depending on the individual household's circumstances and subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. 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 brixtonfeoffetrust@googlemail.com for further information. Grants have been made to local people.

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 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.

South Hams District Council, in association with Devon County Council launched a **Local Support Fund** to support those whose financial situation has been affected by the current pandemic and are now out of cash for basic essentials for their household. More information can be found on <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/welfarefund>

National Government support for businesses can be found on www.businesssupport.gov.uk

The Recycling Centre at Ivybridge reopened on the 11th May for waste that would be harmful or risky to store at home. Essential visits are subject to the following COVID19 Guidance

The **Brixton shopping list** updated 25th May can be found on the Brixton Parish Council website and on Facebook - please contact Helen Williams with any updates or additions.

Prescriptions

Coordinator for prescriptions from Yealm Medical Centre and Dean Cross Surgery – **JULIE ECCLES** phone 07786 378053 email: julieeccles1@btinternet.com Yealm Medical Centre now has its online prescription service available 'Systemonline Patient Online Service'. If you have access to this service please order your repeat prescriptions via this, otherwise please email the medical centre, as previously on e.yealmmedicalcentre@nhs.net. Request your repeat prescriptions just under two weeks before required then email Julie at least two days before collection is

needed. Volunteers pick up prescriptions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Our FIVE prescription volunteers also help cover emergency pickups and Dean Cross, all coordinated by Julie Eccles. Over 60 regulars ask for pick up, happy to take on more to save trips to Dispensaries. Please pre-pay if you are not exempt, volunteers cannot pay. Also if you have any medications which need signed for or are kept in the fridge at the Medical Centre please advise Julie as this will ensure they are dispensed.

Community Resources

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 and cleaning materials, cards, stationery etc.

Brixton Fish & Chips is open ... it is best to phone an order in to 880362 and arrange a pick up time then make contactless payment when picking up. The pavement is marked for social distancing for a queue towards their car park. [Please don't park in the road outside.](#)

Annie at '**Just Williams**' can supply 1kg bags of frozen veg and fruit, phone first to arrange payment and pick up 5-6pm 880226 ... Annie can be flexible if needed on timing.

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

Yealmpton Stores – can deliver to Brixton. Those ordering and pre-paying from Yealmpton Stores will have their shopping picked up and delivered by volunteers from Yealmpton. Wide range of fresh, tinned foodstuffs, dry goods, cleaning materials, household goods etc phone your order to 01752 881332 or email fionalogie@aol.com Please plan for next day delivery, but not Sundays. Shopping in person is still fine for those able to visit. A big thank you to Yealmpton volunteers for this help.

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 if visiting local shops.

Morrisons Doorstep Delivery is a dedicated telephone line for their customers who are 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. A local store then picks up the order and delivers the following day. Payment will be taken through a contactless card by the delivery driver. Call 0345 611 6111 and select option 4 to order a Food Box or 5 to place an order for Doorstep delivery. The order takes 24 hours to process.

Volunteer leaders look after their small areas in Brixton Parish as a contact point; are 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 the team of volunteers for the great work they are doing supporting people in the community. We are also working closely with neighbouring parishes particularly Yealmpton and Wembury plus South Hams District Council and Devon County Council. For more information from South Hams and Devon County Council please visit their websites.

South Hams District Council has a hotline 01803 861297 for residents who can't access 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 hour's 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.

National Bus Pass use reverts to standard operating times - Friday 5 June will be the last day that National Bus Pass holders in Devon can use their passes before 9:30am. Travel with the National Bus Pass will revert to the standard operating times from Saturday 6 June – with unlimited travel at weekends and Bank Holidays and from 9:30am until the end of service on weekdays.

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

Brixton Feoffee Trust Community Car Scheme is temporarily suspended.

Sherford Community – We liaise closely with the Residents Association in support their emergency response and through the Sherford Trust.

Access to Dental Care - dentists will reopen from the 8th June.

St. Marys Church, Brixton – the church building is currently closed. Online Sunday Worship will be held at 10.00am using Zoom. Use the link below to join in:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89475754919>.
For information on services and prayer groups see the 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 - Advice line: 03444 111 444 (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm)
Email: www.southhamscab.org.uk Letter: Citizens Advice, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE

Boots pharmacies are offering safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse within their pharmacies for victims of domestic abuse. Anyone needing help can ask staff at the counter to use the consultation room, where they will be able to contact local services for help and advice. If you need help, please call Victim Support on 0300 303 0554. Lines are open 12pm-6pm Monday to Friday. If you need support outside of these times, call Supportline for free on 08 08 16 89 111. You can now also access Victim Support's free live chat for 24/7 support. In an emergency always call 999.

Text school nurses for support. During these unsettling times, young people aged 11-19 in your household who may have health and wellbeing concerns can contact local school nurses who offer a free and confidential text service called Devon Public Health Nursing ChatHealth available Monday to Friday 9.00-am to 5pm by texting 07520631722.

Thank you to everyone for keeping our community in Brixton going and safe over the last 10 weeks. Every Thursday evening our community came together to clap our NHS staff, all our key workers, our teachers and school staff ... everyone who helped us and continue to help us manage this difficult and unprecedented time. Look after our farmers... keep dogs on short leads where the public rights of way footpaths cross the fields. We can control this virus if we all **STAY ALERT!**, keep our distance, wash our hands, think of others and play our part ... corona virus relies totally on us to spread and continue the infection it doesn't do it on its own... so enjoy seeing your family and friends but always remember we are all fighting this virus all the time

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PLAY YOUR PART

OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES

WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY

STAY SAFE

Liz Hitchins Chairman
Brixton Parish Council

