

Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone Coronavirus Support Group Information

A group of UBW village residents has formed a support group, to pull together as a community & help during the Coronavirus outbreak. Whether you're one of the over 70's asked to self-isolate, or you or someone in your household is unwell and having to isolate as a family...you are NOT alone – we are here to help you!

The support group will complement, rather than take over from the emergency services. In the event that any of the guidance provided below conflicts with Government or NHS guidance then that must take priority.

What is in place so far:

We have a support group in place, to help those who do not have family able or near enough to support them. A volunteer member of the support group who lives near you will put a copy of this notice through your letter box with a contact card showing you how to contact them, if you need to. They will try to keep in touch with you on a regular basis, so they will need your telephone number. We will not use your number for any other purpose.

Some villagers may already have already made arrangements to help or provide help to others in need. In these cases, individuals are, of course, free to continue with these existing arrangements or ask another local volunteer for assistance.

What the UBW Support group can help with:

- Collecting prescriptions
- Posting letters
- Picking up further supplies
- A chat on the phone
- Dog walking,
- Pastoral/spiritual help

If there is something else that you need help with that is not on this list and is within reason, your volunteer or the group will do their utmost to help.

If you have not already heard from one of the support group, please contact any of:

Uffington:

Mike Oldnall 01367 820369 mike.oldnall@uffington.net

Baulking:

Hilary Deakin 07802 426822 hilarydeakin@me.com

Woolstone:

Sarah Johnson 07528 965574 woolstone.parish.meeting@gmail.com

How it works:

1. You stay in touch with your local volunteer and say what help you require and arrange with them how you wish to pay for any shopping
2. Your volunteer will do any shopping if required (subject to the goods being available); they will contact you, check if any clarification is required and. will confirm with you who will be coming and the cost of any shopping (receipts will be provided).
3. The volunteer will come to your house, let you know they are there and leave any deliveries outside.
4. You pick up your delivery

Payment:

If any money is owed, it would be best to arrange this with the volunteer helping you. If you can't do a bank transfer, they can accept cash & will collect it when dropping off your shopping - please ensure that you wash your hands before handling the cash & envelope.

Sensible precautions:

We will ensure that everyone who volunteers is feeling well and are emphasising the importance to both volunteers and people in isolation of washing their hands for 20 seconds with soap and using anti-bacterial gel before any contact with you or your shopping.

Apply the social distancing guidelines at all times, even when handing over cash.

Please beware of scammers. The support group will only send the volunteer that we have asked to contact. If there is a change, we or the volunteer will let you know.

Pastoral and Spiritual Support. Church services have been suspended, but Rev Jeremy Goulston or one of his team will be available and delighted to have a chat with anyone who would like some pastoral or spiritual help. Contact Jeremy on 01367 821143 or jgoulston@btinternet.com

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact any of those listed above.

Future updates will be posted on the village e-mail, and the local notice boards. If you are not already on Simon Jenkins' list, please contact him on Simon.jenkins@uffington.net to add your name. Paper copies will also be left in the village shop.

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