

# Uffington Parish Council

## **Responding to the Covid-19 Coronavirus National Emergency - Uffington, Baulking and Woolstone (UBW) Emergency Resilience Plan**

### **Aim/Goal**

To provide support to all at risk/vulnerable individuals and families in our villages and sustain our community's resilience and morale. This extends to single parents with children, where access to shopping and essential services has become difficult.

### **Planning Principles**

- Provide centralised coordination and support
- Build community resilience
- Encourage local ownership through delegated responsibility
- Keep focus on the most vulnerable people
- Provide clear, consistent and timely communications
- Act with openness and transparency
- Respect people's right to privacy and safeguard personal information
- Maintain community spirit and morale

### **Outline Concept for UBW Village Coordination and Support**

- At Parish Council/Parish Meeting level there will be a coordination and support group consisting of Councillors and key community members, to provide planning and support to delivery functions.
- Support to all at risk (especially those that may be isolated with critical underlying conditions), and to others who request it, will be delivered through a network of volunteers down to individual house level.
- Good communications and transparency will be a central part of the Plan.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that personal information is properly safeguarded.

### **Key Functions**

#### **UBW SG.**

- Linking up with Oxfordshire and VOWH Resilience Teams. Link with District Shielding Plan
- Communications and news updates to the most vulnerable, to volunteers and to all residents
- Information collation, including categorization and prioritisation of needs

#### **Volunteers**

- Delivery of essential supplies, including basic foodstuff and medicines, to those unable to do it themselves
- Outreach to reassure those most in need, and promote good morale  
Local coordination and information collection to identify the most vulnerable and assist with delivery and outreach
- Volunteer groups will work out amongst themselves the most appropriate method of covering support to their local 'patch'.
  - Small groups (2 to 4 volunteers) will be allotted a 'patch' close to their own home consisting of a convenient grouping of houses
  - Groups, or individuals, may have specific tasks (e.g. prescription collection, shopping, newspaper delivery)

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- The volunteers will provide an Information Sheet describing the plan and a Contact Card with their own details to all households, and will remain in touch with those in their 'patch', particularly those in the 'At Risk' category.

### Communications

- All practical means of communication will be used to ensure as many people as possible are kept abreast of developments in the fight against the COVID-19 coronavirus and the local steps being taken to support the vulnerable and at risk.
- The principle means of communication will include:
  - Village weekly email - supplemented as necessary with specific coronavirus updates as required
  - Email - regular email updates to UBW SG members and volunteers will provide additional information specifically about providing support
  - Village Website – will have details of the major coronavirus points of contact from local to national level. The website will also have reference copies of all volunteer related information
  - The use of ZOOM for online conference calls may also become appropriate
  - Other social media as appropriate

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