

HIGH HALDEN 'COVID19' COMMUNITY GROUP



“a community working together”

May 2020



Dear Neighbour,

We wanted to update you on the help that you can get from the Covid 19 Community Group in High Halden. Our volunteers continue to offer support to anyone who needs it. We wanted to reassure everyone that we are still here in spite of some lifting of the government lockdown. Many people in the vulnerable group are staying safe at home and we want to be able to support that for as long as is necessary. We also offer help to parents who would prefer not to take their children shopping and anyone struggling in any way with getting what they need. We do not ask questions as to why you need help.

The group is now also able to provide emergency food parcels. Speak to one of our co-ordinators if you need assistance with essentials, all enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. If you know of someone that is struggling to feed themselves or/and their family please let them know about our service, we don't want anyone to go without necessities in our community. In the longer term we are considering setting up a village food bank, the fallout from the covid crisis may be considerable and we want to be there to help.

Our volunteers are able to provide support in the following areas:

- Prescriptions and shopping
- Telephone chat
- Assistance with navigating your way around the internet

We have a regularly updated booklet which contains general advice/information on shops and farms that are operating a delivery service within the area. This is available to view/download on the Parish of High Halden Facebook page and the village website: www.highhalden.org.uk.

To get in touch, please call one of the co-ordinators below:

Pauline Rose : 07754 797968/01233 850935

Kristina Hoath: 07966 396877/01233 850198

Or, if you prefer, you can email us on: highhaldenc19cg@gmail.com

Alternatively, if you feel more comfortable, Helping in Tenterden also covers High Halden residents and they can be contacted on: 01580 761060

Other village news.....

High Halden Horticultural Society

A message for all you Growers, Makers and Bakers! Whilst our events for the foreseeable future are cancelled, now is the time to be preparing for future Shows, and even for 2021. We all have a bit more time to be working on our own special interests, be it gardening, cooking or craftwork. Your Horticultural Society has survived massive challenges during it's history going back over 130 years, and your current committee will ensure we keep going after the corona virus is defeated. We are very much part of our village community and intend to remain so.

We send best wishes to our members and also non members in the village and look forward to seeing you before too long at one of our events.

HHHS COMMITTEE

St.Mary's Church Virtual Gift Day

Usually at this time of year we would be preparing for our annual Gift Day, the Church would be open next month for tower tours and cream teas in the Churchyard. Sadly this cannot happen and we have had to close the doors of our lovely old Church under government advice. But we will be holding a virtual gift day next month. More information on this to follow soon.

In the meantime don't forget to visit the south porch sharing space and pick up a DVD or book to keep you occupied.



For your information and to reassure you, the Founding Group consists of the following :

Pauline Rose (St Mary's PCC); Nik Le Marechal (St Mary's PCC), Simon Robinson (Parish Council-Chair), John Sargent (Parish Council-Vice Chair), John Audsley (HortSoc—Chair), Kristina Hoath (Events Committee Chair), Kelly Burlton (Headteacher-HH Primary School), Alan Pickering (ABC Cllr)