

MARTYN HOLLAND

Notices to the community

2nd April 2020



There has been a lot of false information circulated about the Corona Virus from drinking copious amounts of very hot drinks to eating garlic. Please do not believe everything you see or read on the internet and do not be taken in by offers that are too good to be true. The BBC have a new Health Check programme each morning between 10.00 and 10.45 where sound advice is given and myths are challenged.

DCC recommend that you visit the "friends against scams" website if you are concerned about anything you see on the internet or anyone who comes to your door selling health products or to disinfect your drive etc, etc. The web site is <http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>

If you are targeted by a fraudster or scammer report it to Action Fraud whose website is <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or call 0300 123 2040.

You can also check if something is a scam by calling the Citizens Advice help line 0808 223 1133.

DCC have cancelled all parking fees in council run car parks. This was in part to help volunteers shopping and collecting prescriptions for the vulnerable but also to stop people passing the virus on through the key pads on the ticket machines!!

As you know the black, blue and orange bins will still be collected but the green bin service has been cancelled for the time being. Council staff wear gloves when moving the bins to protect them but it is sensible for you to wipe the handles of the bins before you collect and return them to your gardens after your bins have been emptied. Ideally use a disinfectant wipe. Better to be safe than sorry.

Loggerheads Garage Spar Shop and petrol station are still open from 7.30am to 7.00pm and they sell most groceries but the garage workshop is now closed for the duration of the virus. Sadly the Shop has decided to not sell papers for the time being and they are only accepting payment by card, no cash. Do not forget that you can view most daily papers online these days and it is one less journey a day.

The good news is that as from today all banks have increased the maximum payment on bank card and credit cards without a pin number from £30 to £45. This should make life easier when shopping during the virus crisis.

There have been attempted break-ins at the Loggerheads Garage and the Mountain Bike Centre in Llandegla in the last week. There was also a mysterious incident with a Morrisons delivery van near Graianrhyd in what may have been a crash for cash incident.

Please be extra vigilant and report any strange vehicles or activity in your area.

The County has announced further footpath closures in the Llanferres and Llanarmon areas. If you are a keen walker it may be prudent to check the Counties website before you leave home. On the home page you need to click on Corona Virus Update and then scroll down the list of services and click on footpaths for further information. You can check the impact of the Corona Virus on all services by using this page on the Counties website. Do not forget that you should not drive to walk.

Both Cadwyn Clwyd and the Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund have announced grants to help community groups and social enterprises supporting those who need help during these difficult times.

After a lot of lobbying the Clocaenog Wind Farm Fund now includes our ward and they are contactable on <https://www.cvsc.org.uk/en/funding/clocaenog>

The contact details for Cadwyn Clwyd are as follows Adam Bishop 01490 340505 or e-mail adam.bishop@cadwynclwyd.co.uk

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My car insurance company (Lloyds Bank) told me today that I did not need to amend my insurance cover to collect and deliver essentials for other people. You may need to check with your own insurers to make sure it is the same for you.

Did you know that Central Government has extended all car and light van MOTs for six months if they are due on or after the 30th March 2020. You must keep your car safe to drive and my Insurers have confirmed that their customers will still be insured during the extended period. You need to check with your own insurers to see if they are doing the same.

If you are over pensionable age or vulnerable Iceland will deliver the next day. You need to order on line or ask someone to do it for you.

Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) are looking to register anyone who is happy to volunteer during this crisis. If you are volunteering locally you do not have to register unless you want to. You should register if you are happy to volunteer outside your area. You can register at <http://www.dvsc.co.uk>

Finally, once again thanks to everyone who is volunteering to help others in our communities and for those who are looking for help please give me a call and I will put you in touch with your local group of volunteers.

Keep well.

Regards,
Martyn