

MARTYN HOLLAND

Notices to the community

6th April 2020



Refuse Collection

The County are asking residents to help protect council staff who work collecting our refuse.

If anyone has coronavirus in your household can you please bag the rubbish and keep it separate for at least three days before putting it in the black bin for collection.

If anyone in the family have colds or flu used paper hankies should be wrapped twice in plastic bags before putting them again in the black bin. Please help to keep our staff healthy and fit for work.

Can you deliver?

The Government has written to all those people who they feel should be shielded from the Coronavirus and amongst the things they are looking at is providing food parcels to those who are most at risk and who must isolate.

They will be looking for local volunteers to support this program and this may be the time to register with the DVSC who will be identifying people who can help out with the deliveries all over the county. The DVSC website for registering is <http://www.dvsc.co.uk> or e-mail covid19@dvsc.co.uk or call Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council on 01824 702441.

County Council staff are now contacting those on the shielded list by telephone to make sure they are OK and to establish what support they require. In the last twenty-four hours I have been asked to encourage people to register. If you can help please register.

Council Tax

If you are struggling to pay your council tax you may be entitled to Council Tax reduction. To enquire you should e-mail DCC on revenues@denbighshire.gov.uk. To check your eligibility for other benefits, visit gov.uk/benefits.

As already reported, you can view all changes to DCC services on the county's website on the home page by clicking on the Coronavirus (CVID -19) Service Information and Guidance header. This gives all the latest news/changes under each service heading.

Mental Health

A mental health reminder - everyone is talking about the Corona Virus, switch off the TV, Computer and Mobile phone and chill out. Read a good book or spend some quality time in your garden.

Zoom or Skype!

One reason for switching on your computer may be to join a zoom group. Community councils in our ward are preparing to hold council meetings using technology and both Llanarmon and Llanferres have undertaken a test run. I have also heard of groups getting together for a girl's night via zoom and the offer of Pilates sessions in Maeshafn. All these things can be done from the comfort of your home and can help to lessen the impact of isolation.

Don't forget a telephone call a day helps to keep the blues away.

A great way to keep in touch with family no matter where they are in the world. Skype or Zoom!!

Everyone wants to support our NHS and we can all do this by staying at home and restricting our contact with other people. We are all so grateful for everything the NHS staff are doing to keep us safe and well and there are a number of health and care workers who live in our ward and I would like to thank them and ask them to pass on our thanks to their colleagues.

DCC Car Parks

Some DCC car parks have been closed and the remainder are now free for the duration of the virus epidemic. If you have a DCC residents car parking permit the end date of this year's permit will be extended to cover the period of free parking etc.

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Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or young person please contact the counties team on 01824 712200 Monday to Thursday 9 to 5 and Friday 9 to 4.30 or on 0345 053 3116 evenings and weekends.

If you are concerned about a vulnerable adult experiencing abuse or neglect call Single Point of Access on 0300 4561000 Monday to Friday 9 to 5 or out of hours on 0345 053 3116 evenings and weekends.

Community Resources

DCC staff and Councillors have pulled together and mapped out a list of resources available during the Covid -19 outbreak across Denbighshire.

You can find the list at <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/communityresources>

The list contains information about local emerging groups and businesses across Denbighshire offering support including information about food deliveries, grocery services and support services. These include not only local groups but links to a variety of support agencies and networks both locally and nationally. To add other local support groups please e-mail community.development@denbighshire.gov.uk

Bus Services

Arriva has suspended the Arriva Service x51 between Ruthin, Llandegla and Wrexham for the time being. As an alternative, we have altered the 95 service from Bryneglwys.

Service 95 from Bryneglwys to Llandegla will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays for essential journeys only, and will extend to and from Ruthin during the period when the x51 is suspended. The 95 will leave Bryneglwys at 0925 and Llandegla at 0940 on demand only by telephoning the operator to pre book (AAA Taxis on 07923-427743) They use a mini bus for this service.

Otherwise, Key workers or vulnerable people who find themselves in difficulty following the changes to bus services should call the Counties public transport team on 01824 706892 or 704847 where staff will endeavour to help.

Keep well.
Regards,
Martyn