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Notices to the community Nº 11

13th May 2020



I am pleased to start this up date with some good news for those of you who use the DCC Green Bin service. As from the week commencing the 18th May Denbighshire will be restarting the Green Bin collections.

Some of you may have already received an e-mail as a gentle reminder to ensure your payments are up to date.

If you have already paid your green bin charges these will be carried forward for the period that the service has not been provided. Therefore no one should be out of pocket.

You will need to put your bins out before 7.00am on your normal green bin collection day. Collections may run late due to high volume of green waste and so if your bin is not picked up on the usual day please leave it out because the teams will be working longer hours and weekends to collect them.

Please make sure your bins only contain green waste.

- No extra waste will be collected and so please do not leave additional bags etc on the kerbside.
- Sadly, no missed collections will be accepted during the first two-week period. (18th to 31st)
- The Council will not be charging subscribers for collections in May. (18th to 31st)
- Subscription charges will begin again for the coming year on 1st June.
- Please clean the handles on your green bins before and after collection.
- Make sure you wash your hands before and after touching your bins.

Like me I have no doubt that most of you have additional bags of garden waste and the County has been waiting for the Welsh Government to withdraw the current restrictions on the opening of recycling centres in Wales.

These restrictions had been enshrined in recent Welsh Coronavirus legislation and therefore needed to be changed before we could reopen our centres.

This has now been done and so I am pleased to confirm that the main centres will reopen in the week commencing the 25th May. There will be distancing rules and I will provide you with the details of any restrictions and how the centres will operate in my next update.

The Green Bin Service is not a statutory service and due to the number of staff who were self-isolating, the County had to concentrate their limited resources to the key statutory areas such as black, blue and orange bin collections.

I would like to register my thanks to those staff who have kept the refuse collections going during these difficult times. They are among some of the Counties unsung heroes.

The Welsh Government have found a further twenty thousand residents across Wales who should be on the NHS Shielded lists.

Some of you will have therefore recently received a letter from the Welsh Government/NHS telling you what you should do, how to get home delivery services from supermarkets and the free food parcels.

It is important to note that your GPs will have been asked to identify patients they feel should be shielded and if you are unsure about your condition you should contact your GP first to see if you should have been registered for shielding. Dentists are currently providing limited services and most will be happy to discuss over the telephone any problems you have with your teeth. They will provide prescriptions for antibiotics for abscesses/infections but most are sadly not undertaking extractions.

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If you require invasive emergency treatment you should contact NHS Wales direct who will arrange an appointment for you.

For some reason the NHS 111 Wales service is not available in North Wales and you should call 0845 4647 instead. Calls are charged at 2p per minute for this service.

The three North Wales Field Hospitals are ready for use but have been mothballed for the time being. We all hope that we will not need to use these but they will remain on standby until later in the year.

A new Lab for testing Coronavirus swabs has now been opened in Rhyl. This is good news because up until now all tests have been sent to Cardiff for processing which has caused delays and logistical problems.

DCC is dealing with small business grants on behalf of the Welsh Government and over 2,460 applications have been received out of a possible 2,860 eligible businesses across the County.

If you have not applied you should go online and complete an application form.

Can I just remind everyone that there are only three changes to the Corona Virus Lock Down in Wales where these powers are devolved.

Residents can now take exercise more than once a day but you still cannot drive to walk.
You must still walk from home.

Garden Centres can open as from Monday 11th (In England this 14th).

Welsh Government will change the legislation for Counties to reopen recycling centres in due course.

DCC have announced a temporary reduction in the speed limit to ten miles an hour on the B5430 between the Valley Lodge junction and the turning for Llanarmon Yn Ial from the 4th to the 15th June for further resurfacing work.

This is great news because it will mean that further improvements are being made to one of our key roads in the Llanarmon area. Similar work is being carried out on the A5104 in Llandegla at present and the A542 between the Horse Shoe Pass roundabout and the junction with the A525 will be resurfaced as originally planned later this year.

Finally, most Building Suppliers are open for telephone and collect orders but you may have to book a collection time. Some will also deliver but there may be delays due to the volume of orders. Orders and payments are taken over the telephone.

Please give me a call or drop me an e-mail if you feel I can help in any way.

Keep well.

Regards,

Martyn