

# MARTYN HOLLAND

## Notices to the community Nº 12

21<sup>st</sup> May 2020



*Oops!*

Due to a spelling mistake in my last update I appeared to imply that if you were having a problem with the female head of a religious order a course of antibiotics from your dentist would resolve the problem. My apologies to all Abbesses it should have read *Abscesses*. Finger trouble on my part and predictive text on the other!!

DCC have just announced that in June they will be spraying the road side kerbs in all housing areas across the County to help keep down the weeds. They will also be cutting all the roadside grass verges on A & B roads starting in June and the contractors will be working for up to six weeks. The contractors will be abiding by social distancing rules.

Could I ask that everyone still keeps an eye on their neighbours and the vulnerable in our ward but also those who are acting as carers.

Sadly because of the virus lockdown some carers may not be getting the support they would have normally received. Please drop me an e-mail if you feel that you know someone who falls into this category and you are concerned about them.

As mentioned in a previous update the Graig Quarry near Graianrhyd which is owned by Tarmac, has reopened on a temporary basis to provide rock for the new sea defences in Rhyl. The company have let us know that they have not been able to find enough aggregate from the floor of the quarry to fulfil the order and so they will now have to blast.

Graig Quarry near Graianrhyd: Blasting will happen this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12.00 noon.

The blasting will be preceded five minutes before hand by a blast from a horn to warn locals. This process will be monitored to ensure they are not breaching any blasting regulations. Most of us have lived in the ward with active quarries for many years and in their hay day there were seven quarries across the ward.

Most buildings that are demolished today are now recycled on site and because of this there has been less demand for hardcore. Many of the quarries have therefore either closed or have been moth balled and so we have become accustomed to very little quarry activity. The good news is that for the moment this is only temporary but this may change if Tarmac wins some of the HS2 contracts.

Please let me know if you have any concerns beforehand or problems after the blasting.

### Denbighshire businesses encouraged to apply for rate relief scheme

More than 2,000 businesses have applied for Welsh Government business rate relief administered by Denbighshire County Council, but more could be eligible for support.

In April the Welsh Government announced a range of support for businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, which Denbighshire and other local authorities across Wales are administering.

So far £22.8 million has already been paid out in Denbighshire and it is estimated a further 600 businesses in the county may be eligible for support.

Cllr Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of Denbighshire County Council and Lead Member for the Economy, said: "There is enormous uncertainty for businesses at this time and I would encourage traders in Denbighshire to look at our website to see what support is available.

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*"There are still firms in the county who are eligible for support who have not yet come forward and I would encourage them to do so."*

Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill, the Council's Lead Member for Finance, Performance and Strategic Assets, said: "Business rate relief grants are now being paid to businesses and the Council is doing all it can to ensure these grants are being processed as quickly as possible, in the vast majority of cases within 10 working days.

*"We are expecting the total amount of support to be provided to businesses in the county to exceed £30million."*  
For information on support and business rate relief visit <http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/business-rates>

If you are fed up of cooking, I am pleased to announce that some of our local pubs are now doing takeaway meals and, in some cases, takeaway drinks as well.

Please check your local pub web site or just give them a call for details. Please support your local pub in these difficult times.

Keep well.  
*Regards,*  
Martyn