COMMUNICATION FROM: WARESIDE PARISH COUNCIL

Covid 19/Coronavirus

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, we are currently facing unprecedented times, Covid-19/Coronavirus will soon be among us, if it is not already. We are confident that as a community we are helping one another, but we would like to remind everyone it is now more important than ever that we pull together.

We can do this by keeping an eye on each other, helping each other out and being aware of those living alongside us. Please offer assistance to those neighbours in need by helping where possible to collect shopping, prescriptions etc. For the most vulnerable amongst us ie; the elderly, those who live alone and people having to self-isolate, a simple phone call to make sure that they are OK and not feeling isolated could make such a difference, offering some welcome respite.

Community groups offering support have been set up and those which have been registered can be found at: https://covidmutualaid.org/local-groups/

If you live in the parish and require support or are able to offer support yourself please call Parish Councillor Jane on 01920 463645, call/text Parish Clerk, Rebecca on 07740 465221 or email wpcclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

There is also a Facebook group you can join – Wareside Parish Covid-19 Community Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/212330679857129/

Parishioner Emma Jayne has set up a Next Door group for parishioners https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/k0qe2316y/. This is another way for people to request or offer help.

If you are helping a vulnerable family member, neighbour or friend please take care to follow all of the relevant government guidelines. We suggest that, if delivering food supplies or prescriptions, it will be safer to leave these items on the doorstep and phone to say that they are there and keep a safe distance.

People should also be aware that there are a few scams already operating to persuade people to part with cash. We advise residents to be on guard and deal only with people you know.

We all need to stay safe and follow the official guidance, which is changing daily. Currently we must stay at home, only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home). Remember if you do go out stand 2 metres apart from anybody and wash your hands regularly.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL PLEASE VISIT:

Government dedicated website: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Hertfordshire County Council updates:

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/coronavirus-service-updates.aspx

East Herts County Council updates: https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/coronavirus

The **Parish Council** website: <u>www.waresideparishcouncil.co.uk</u>, which will be updated as often as we can and the **Facebook group**: <u>Wareside Parish Covid-19 Community Group</u>.

If you think that a neighbour without access to the internet could benefit from any of the information here (or indeed any site) please print it off for them and put it through their letter box.

As a community we can get through this together and protect our most vulnerable. Thank you for your support and remember - unless absolutely necessary stay at home in order to help yourself and others to stay safe and well.

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