

PRESTON RICHARD EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM

CORONAVIRUS BULLETIN 31ST JULY

Welcome to the nineteenth weekly Bulletin.

MASKS

Masks have arrived and are being collected from Martin's garage at Marwood.

ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN CUMBRIA

FORWARDED at the same time as this Bulletin is a letter we received from Lorraine Smyth, Chief Executive of ACTION with Communities in Cumbria. It contains a letter of thanks to communities from Stewart Young, CCC Leader, and Katherine Fairclough, Chief Executive. There are also links to various web sites for further information about Covid-19 in Cumbria, and an hour long recording on You Tube of a Zoom meeting with Colin Cox, Director of Public Health. If you have the time it's well worth dipping into them.

In our Parish we have been very fortunate that infections have been low and there have been no deaths. As a result, we have required no particular help from CCC, SLDC or ACTION with Communities in Cumbria. However, ACTION did help us with drawing up our Emergency Plan, and we have received encouragement, advice and support from Neighbourhood Watch. We thank them.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

PARTS of Greater Manchester, East Lancashire and West Yorkshire have been waking up to new lockdown rules as a result of spikes in infection. In Cumbria there have been some rises but not enough to trigger further restrictions. It appears that these infections are the result of people visiting households and pubs. It's a reminder that we still need to stick to social distancing, washing hands and wearing masks appropriately.

THE FUTURE

THIS BULLETIN will be the last *weekly* bulletin but it does not mean the end of our emergency. We hope that it's the beginning of the end and that there will be fewer and fewer infections until a vaccine is found. We will continue to support our volunteers and will be available by 'phone or email. Significant developments and information will be sent out and future bulletins may be necessary.

Although our "vulnerables" are now free to leave home we know that some are reluctant and some volunteers are continuing to get shopping and prescriptions. Clive and Jane Dann from the Village Shop have confirmed that they will be continuing their delivery service, and we thank them for their sterling service over the past few months.

It has been most impressive to see the community of Preston Richard pull together in the emergency, and we would like to thank our volunteers for any contribution they have made.

It is quite clear that they have made a real difference to the lives of our vulnerable parishioners.

NB

The Press Conference held at lunchtime with the Prime Minister and England's Chief Medical Officer makes no difference to shielding.

LATEST....

31 July 2020

COVID-19 - Statement from Colin Cox

Colin Cox, Cumbria County Council's Director of Public Health, said:

“Following the announcements relating to Manchester and its surrounding areas it is sadly very clear that coronavirus is still circulating and being passed on. It is essential that we all recognise that the risk has not gone away and that we must all remain vigilant and follow all the latest guidance regarding hygiene and social distancing

For Cumbria I want to reassure residents that based on our most recent data I would describe our situation as stable. The latest figures in relation to Carlisle and Eden are encouraging but we must remain cautious and aware of the impact that our behaviour has on this situation.

Our multi-agency Health Protection Board is closely monitoring the situation across the county and will act accordingly to any rises or concerns. However I cannot stress strongly enough that we can only maintain this position if people help us control any further infection outbreak by following the rules”

Many thanks and have a great weekend....

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