

Theddingworth Parish Council

To all residents of Theddingworth & Hothorpe

You, Coronavirus and your Parish Council

Dear Fellow Resident

As your Parish Council, we feel we have a duty of care that requires us to take appropriate steps to ensure the welfare of all residents in times of crisis as we now find ourselves. Together with the rest of the UK we have been asked to self-isolate to protect ourselves, others and the NHS from effects of the Coronavirus.

Our concern is that we want to ensure everyone in the village is in communication with others and has help if they need it to maintain essential supplies of food and medicines during this period of self-isolation. We would suggest that at least one contact is made locally within the village and that you have available to you at least 3 persons non-resident in your own home, that you could contact by email or phone if need arises.

To minimise the risk to any of our residents it would help if you would all answer 4 simple questions;

1. are you in telephone/email contact with other Theddingworth residents
2. are you able to do your own shopping
3. do you have sufficient help from friends and family
4. would you like the Parish Council to contact you to discuss a range of help from groups within the village. This may include help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, help setting up computer links to friends and family, or just someone to share a conversation with

Please email Simon, your Parish Clerk at clerk@theddingworthpc.org.uk or telephone Simon on 01858 880948 by Thursday 2nd April 2020. This deadline will ensure we are able to make contact with those who may be suffering difficulties as a result of self-isolation.

After only a few days we have yet to see how the Coronavirus Pandemic will unfold, but it is inevitable that for some this situation will be life changing. It is therefore appropriate to mention that there are funds available to assist Theddingworth residents both children and adults via a village Charity governed by the Charity Commission. Monies in the form of grants for payment towards goods and services not already covered by Government Grants are available in complete confidence, subject to availability of funds. Applications should be made in writing to either Avril Bailey, Haddon House, Hothorpe Road, Theddingworth, LE17 6QT or Rev Liz Bickley, The Rectory, Honey Pot Lane, Husbands Bosworth, LE17 6LY. If you would like to have a chat in confidence prior to application please ring Avril on 07977098666/ 01858 880140 or Liz on 01858 880351. The Trustees are very happy to consider requests for grant assistance where needed.

Payments from the village charity fund are completely independent from the Parish Council, but in addition the Parish Council is always open to suggestions of where monies could be put to good use.

We are very fortunate to live and work in such a beautiful part of the country where we can generally breathe fresh air and get plenty of exercise. Please respect the space of others and be mindful of those who are choosing to remain within their own homes. Lastly – thank you to everyone who is keeping spirits high through regular communications via WhatsApp, Facebook and sometimes even the old telephone!

With very best wishes – Theddingworth Parish Council