

# WHITCHURCH VILLAGE NEWS



## Dear Fellow Villager....

Firstly, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers who have supported our community during the last seven months. We have a number of volunteers who have been shopping, collecting medication, posting letters/parcels and generally helping to support those who are vulnerable, self-isolating and needing some help during these challenging times.

We also know many neighbours and friends have been involved in this too, our thanks goes to all of them also.

We would also like to thank Richard & Sue Dean, The Music Box, for providing the community with local groceries during this time, they have been a real asset to the village.

We welcome the recent re-opening of Westin Care Home in the village, providing local jobs.

### 1. Support is available

Although the need for this support has now become less we still have a number of volunteer's available to help if you are self-isolating, struggling to get your basic food needs, have any other difficulties, or would just like to chat to someone,

Please contact the Clerk on 01275 839873,  
E-mail: [info@whitchurchvillagecouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@whitchurchvillagecouncil.co.uk)

or Bath & North East Somerset Council Covid Support Helpline  
Tel: 0300 0247 00500 (phone line is open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)  
E-mail [BATHNES.thehub@virgincare.co.uk](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@virgincare.co.uk) Text [07870 868368](tel:07870868368)

The [Community Wellbeing Hub](#) is a collaboration between Bath & North East Somerset Council, CCG BANES, Virgin Care and third sector partner organisations.

## **2. Christmas Lights**

Although many of our services and activities have had to be curtailed this year we are going ahead with installing the Christmas Lights & Christmas Tree's in the Village.

We would encourage you to put your lights up in your businesses and homes to help brighten the Village and bring some Christmas cheer to everyone in these difficult times.

If we are able to carry out the usual judging of Christmas Lights after the latest lockdown we will endeavor to do so, if not it will be back for 2021!

## **3. Village improvements**

The seven planters around the Village have recently been planted with winter plants, together with the Millennium Garden. Please send us any suggestions on how we can further enhance the village.

## **4. Playpark Refurbishment**

You may have noticed that the Playpark refurbishment is under way and should be completed during December.

This will include new play equipment with accessible aspects, a multi-use games area and a table tennis table.

We will let you know when it is complete and ready for use!

## **5. The West of England Spatial Development Strategy**

Further to the Joint Spatial Strategy being withdrawn, the above named strategy is now being consulted on.

The West of England Combined Authority is asking people living and working in the West of England for their views about the future of the region, to ensure the region is a greener, more connected place to live and work. The feedback will help shape a Spatial Development Strategy that will make sure that homes, employment spaces and transport links are planned in the right places over the next 20 years.

Please complete the online survey:

[www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/future-of-the-region/](http://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/future-of-the-region/)

This will be open for comments until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. If anyone would like a paper copy or the information in an alternative format, please call 0117 428 6210



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Whitchurch Village Council members look forward to your support and to hopefully see you at our Village Events in 2021!

Keep safe and well.