



10th May 2020

Dear Villager

We have now been under lockdown for more than six weeks and are facing the prospect of a further period of restrictions on our everyday lives.

These are truly testing times for all of us but I'm sure you will agree that they have also demonstrated how kind, tolerant and generous we are as a village - with neighbours looking out for one another, 90 volunteers joining Bassingbourn Helpers, volunteers opening the Share'n'Care food centre and countless others coming forward to help their community and neighbours.

We have all been affected differently by the lockdown and will have reacted differently to it. Some of us have lost our jobs and are facing the prospect of real financial hardship, many of us are shielding and isolated from friends and family and maybe feeling lonely, some of us may be experiencing mental health issues, others are experiencing family issues and have additional responsibilities with our children home from school.

Now more than any other time, it is vital that we continue to build on the solid foundations of community we have already laid down and continue to stick rigorously to social distancing and hand hygiene, while remaining empathetic and supportive of others in distress or need. Together we will get through this, even though it may take some time before things return to something like normal.

For those who are suffering genuine hardship, are in need of support that is more than can be met by family, neighbours and friends or are concerned about someone's welfare, help and support is available from the contacts at the top of the page.

Help & Support – Contact Details

Bassingbourn Helpers on 01763 259212/07496 084509 or
E mail – bassingbournhelpers@gmail.com
For deliveries of urgent supplies, running errands or just a
phone call from a friendly volunteer.

Parish Clerk Val Tookey on 01763 243153/07549 209330
Email – parish_clerk@bassingbourn.org
For safeguarding & welfare concerns and other parish issues.

County Cllr Susan van de Ven on 07905 325574 or
Susanvanden5@gmail.com
For safeguarding & welfare concerns and other county issues.

District Cllr Nigel Cathcart on 01763 243637
For information on housing and benefits together with local
business support.

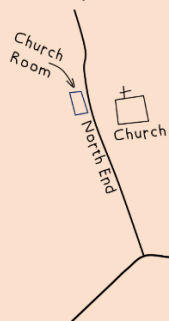
Please visit the Covid 19 section of www.bassingbourn.org

Springtime Community Share 'n' Care

Essential food and household items

Free of Charge

(Max 5 items per household)



- ⇒ Dried food
- ⇒ Canned food
- ⇒ Toiletries
- ⇒ Petfood
- ⇒ Paper and children's crafts

**Church Room,
Northend
Monday & Friday
10am to 12:30pm**



A community led initiative supported by the
Parish Council and the Parish Church



Shopping can be ordered and delivered from:

- Bury Lane : 01763 260418
deliveries@burlanefarmshop.co.uk
- Hill View Farm Shop 01763 244226
- Sara's Farm Shop 01763 852376
- Speedy Fruit and veg 07977 640548
- Burtons Butchers 01799 52038

Meals can be ordered and delivered from :-

- The Hoops 01763 244990 - also have basic food supplies available.

Take-away from :-

- Hatties 01763 250921
(Mon-Fri 9–2pm and Sat 10– 2)
- Fish and Chips 07403 747511 (Wed 5.30 – 8; outside Primary School)
- Rob's Churros Delivered Fridays
Via "Bassingbourn Reporting" FB page

Garden supplies:-

- Phillimore 01763 260537

Please do not go into the **Village Pharmacy** if you have to self-isolate for 14 days.
If you need help or advice you can phone on 01763 250660.

Other useful telephone numbers :

- a) AGE UK 0300 666 9860 - if you need help and support for older people
- b) NSPCC 080 8800 5000 (24 hrs)
- c) Samaritans 116 123 (24 hrs)
- d) Mind 0300 123 3393 (9 -6 Mon-Fri)
- e) Action on Elder Abuse 0808 808 8141

And remember **BE KIND**

Being kind will make a big difference to people who are testing positive for the virus, are self-isolating, or are simply really worried about the impact of the virus. Please encourage others to be mindful with comments and actions, so as not to cause undue concern or anxiety within your community.

Enjoy and join in, the Thursday night clapping for the NHS and key workers; and the Dance on your Doorstep on Sundays 6 pm.

Val Tookey on behalf of your Parish Council

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