



NEWSLETTER 28th OCTOBER

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The COVID-19 alert level for West Sussex remains at **Medium**, the Government guidelines for which are:

- People must not meet in groups larger than 6, indoors or outdoors
- You should work from home where possible
- All businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-Secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law, such as nightclubs.
- Certain businesses selling food or drink on their premises are required to close between 10pm and 5am.
- Schools, universities and places of worship remain open
- Weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- Organised indoor sport and exercise classes can continue to take place, provided the Rule of Six is followed

A very comprehensive version of the Government guidance notes on Medium alert level can be found here: - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-medium>

LATEST CORONAVIRUS FIGURES FOR WEST SUSSEX

West Sussex County Council have advised that the recorded number of West Sussex people testing positive for COVID-19 from 4 – 17 October is **752**. This is 59% higher than the number testing positive during the previous 14-day period.

The seven-day incidence rate varies amongst our districts and boroughs but the overall West Sussex seven-day incidence rate over this period was **43.3 per 100,000** population. The latest published seven-day incidence rate for England (published 19 October 2020) was **168.7 per 100,000 population**, and covers the period 8 - 14 October. Of the people testing positive for COVID-19 over the seven-day period, 63% were aged under 40, and 12% were aged over 60. Young adults showed the highest age-specific incidence rate during this period.

WALK-IN COVID TESTING SITE IN CHICHESTER

The new NHS Test and Trace walk-in test site is now operating in Northgate car park, Chichester.

Please be aware that this is available on an appointment- only basis. The majority of the car park is open to commuters, residents and visitors as usual. Testing is available to anyone with coronavirus symptoms and you can book a test by visiting [NHS - Coronavirus\(Opens in a new window\)](#) or by calling 119

VOLUNTEER TO HELP FIND A VACCINE

NHS researchers are seeking people from all backgrounds, ages and locations in the UK (including people with or without existing health conditions) to take part in vaccine studies to make sure that any vaccines developed will work for everyone. For further information please see here: - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/research/coronavirus-vaccine-research/>

TRAVEL CORRIDORS

For the latest list of countries, territories and regions from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate please see here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Climate Change Consultation

CDC wish to remind residents, businesses, community groups and organisations to give their views on the Draft Climate Emergency Detailed Action Plan before the consultation closes at midnight **on 6 November**. The plan is designed to continue to identify reducing greenhouse gas emissions within their work as a council, as well as how CDC can support individuals and other organisations across the district to reduce their emissions too. To have your say on the plan and its suggestions, please see here: - [Let's talk: Climate Change](#)

Chichester Temporary Cycleway Scheme

Following a review, the temporary Chichester Cycleway Scheme is being removed – for more details of the rationale behind the introduction and subsequent withdrawal of the scheme please see: -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/chichester-s-government-funded-temporary-cycleway-scheme-to-be-removed/>

LIBRARIES

All libraries across West Sussex are now operating revised winter opening hours. This will see an extension of the current opening hours as well as offering more opportunities for browsing, using computers and study space (where available).

Libraries in the largest communities will be open throughout the day, including over lunchtime for working customers. Families will also be able to visit after school and every library will be open on a Saturday for part or all of the day.

The new opening hours at **Pulborough Library** are:

Wednesday 1.00pm - 5.00pm,

Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm

For further information on library services please see here: -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/>

CLIMATE CHANGE & FLOODING RISK IN BURY

COVID-19 apart, 2020 might best be remembered for the glorious late spring (the month of May breaking the record for the sunniest calendar month with 266 hours) and the wonderful summer which made coping with the restrictions of lockdown somewhat more tolerable in our beautiful little corner of Sussex. Prior to lockdown, things were somewhat different – as a country we experienced the wettest February on record with Storms Ciara and Dennis creating low pressure systems that produced 237% of the average rainfall for February nationwide.

With Autumn upon us, the rains have returned and the Met Office reported that Saturday 3rd October had been the wettest day in the UK since records dating back to 1891, with enough rain falling in a single day to fill Loch Ness! Not surprisingly, last week the Met Office published its latest climate projections predicting that rainfall and high temperature extremes would likely continue to break records that have only just been set.

We in Bury and West Burton are vulnerable to flooding from time to time of course and if it occurs it is the responsibility of the Environment Agency but Bury Parish Council has produced a short leaflet for the guidance of those affected – please see here: - [Bury Parish Council Flood Advice Leaflet](#)

The Environment Agency also produce very useful information in the form of a quick reference flood alert guide which can be accessed here: - <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

If you feel that your property may be vulnerable to flooding you may wish to sign up to the EA's flood warning service which can warn you by phone, email or text message if your home or business is at risk of flooding. The service is free and can be found here: - https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings?_ga=2.129400652.1336460344.1596184496-2033150430.1583499776

DOG WALKERS & SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

Bury Parish Council have received a request from Emma Stanbury, Heathlands Reunited Project Officer at SDNPA to pass on to dog owners and dog walkers the following invitation to participate in a survey.

Calling on all dog walkers to help with a survey on dog walking behaviour in the heathlands of the South Downs National Park.

The survey on dog walking behaviour is aimed at those who walk dogs in the South Downs National Park including dog owners, as well as those who walk dogs for others, such as dog walking professionals. The survey is voluntary and your opinions and experiences will be very valuable. The questionnaire takes on average no more than 10 minutes and does not ask for personally identifiable data. To take the survey before 13th November click here:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KYPV7YM> .

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is seeking information on dog walking behaviour in the heathlands of the South Downs National Park as part of the National Lottery Heritage Funded Heathlands Reunited project. SDNPA has commissioned independent research consultancy, Collingwood Environmental Planning, to undertake the survey on this topic.

The National Park Authority is promoting a campaign ('Take the Lead') to encourage responsible dog walking on heathlands and other habitats. This survey of dog walking behaviours is a follow up to

one that was undertaken in 2018 and will allow us to assess the success of the campaign. The survey results will be used to inform project activities aimed at conserving and improving heathlands sites and will contribute to a report. We are really keen to hear from as many dog walkers as possible, so please do share this survey link with other dog walkers in your area. If you have any queries about this survey, please contact: heathlands@southdowns.gov.uk

BROADBAND SPEED IN THE PARISH

In a recent Newsletter we reported how Bury Parish Council have been exploring ways to improve broadband speed within the parish. Just as a reminder, the Government is currently offering grants to upgrade, but in order to access these we need expressions of interest from parishioners who wish to find out more. In short, if there are insufficient interested parishioners then suppliers won't be interested in getting involved.

At this stage all we are asking is for interested parishioners to complete the expression of interest form attached, which commits you to nothing. If the project actually went ahead, the provider would expect us to switch to their service for a minimum of twelve months, but that's a long way off yet. Initially, all we need to know is who might be interested in knowing more.

If you are, we would be very grateful if you would complete the form to be found on Bury Parish Website [HERE](#) and return it to the Clerk.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion's work is more vital than ever as they support people from all generations who have new hardships as a result of Covid-19. If you are unable to make a donation via collection tins in shops or from volunteers then you might care to do so via the Legion's website page which can be accessed here: - <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

Alternatively, if you would like to put your donation in an envelope (cheques payable to The Royal British Legion) and pop it in the Bury Parish Council (green) post box on the wall outside Bury Village Hall we will gladly pass it on to them.

Keep well and stay safe and if you need help with shopping or prescriptions please contact: -

Fr. Peter Mallinson (Bury) 839057 or Ken & Diana Rowsell (West Burton) 831475

To visit the Bury Parish Council Website please see here: - www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk

For more information please contact the parish clerk, Mike Simpson at: -

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Best wishes

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

