



NEWSLETTER 17TH FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

On a national scale, with over 15.5 million first doses having been administered, the UK has now reached the mid-February target of offering a vaccine to everyone in the top four priority groups, which includes NHS frontline staff, care home residents and workers, over-70s, and people deemed clinically extremely vulnerable.

Invitations are currently being issued to those aged between 65 and 69 and the Government's aim now is by the end of April to vaccinate everyone over the age of 50 and all those aged 16 to 64 with certified underlying health conditions plus adult carers. All those who have had their first dose will receive a second within a 12-week period.

For news of the progress of the vaccines taking place across the Arundel & South Downs constituency please see the special Update from Andrew Griffith MP which can be seen here: - [Vaccine Update \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

People in the 65-69 age group will now receive a letter from NHS England offering a vaccination at a mass vaccination centre. Chichester District Council have announced that an additional centre at the Westgate Leisure Centre in Chichester is about to be added to the list.

If you are member of the 65-69 age group and are a patient at the **Pulborough Medical Group** but would prefer not to attend a mass vaccination centre, you can ring PMG now and book an appointment to have your jab at the surgery – please note they will not be contacting these patients. PMG are also offering vaccines to patients aged 16-65 in an “at risk” group and they will be contacting these patients during the coming days. For more details, please see here: - <https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk/>

For an update on vaccinations for patients of the Arundel Surgery, please see here: - <https://arundelsurgery.co.uk/>

People aged 70 and over who have not yet been vaccinated and would like to, are now able to contact the national booking service directly to arrange an appointment. To do this, people can visit [NHS - Covid vaccination](#) (Opens in a new window) or call 119.

For the latest Government guidance on what you can and cannot do under the current National Lockdown: Stay at Home rules, including international travel and booking and staying in a quarantine hotel, please see here: -

[National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

In his conference on Monday, the Prime Minister announced that –

“next week I will be setting out a roadmap saying as much as we possibly can about the route to normality even though some things are very uncertain. Because we want this lockdown to be the last. And we want progress to

be cautious but also irreversible. So please continue to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives”.

SUSSEX POLICE UPDATE

At the recent Chichester All Parishes Meeting, Chief Inspector Jon Carter provided details of crime data for the county during 2020. Whilst it was pleasing to see a 9.1% decrease in overall crime compared to 2019 it is of considerable concern that 39% of all offences were domestic abuse related – partly due to effects of so many people having to stay at home in accordance with Coronavirus lockdowns etc. For more details, Chief Inspector Carter’s report can be seen here: - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox?projector=1>

TREE FELLING – A29 BURY

Following the Ash Dieback work in January resulting in the loss of two thousand trees, Bury Hill looks somewhat bare and untidy in parts. Mike Simpson has been in contact with West Sussex County Council in relation to any plans for replanting. However, due to financial constraints it seems that WSCC prefer the natural regeneration solution. The following is the response from the Ash Dieback Project Manager: -

‘Now that the ground has been opened up to light, natural regeneration will take place. The advantage of natural regeneration is that the seed source is already well adapted to the soils and moisture regimes specific to that local environment. For further information, you may find [this website](#) of interest.

Should the funding be made available for replanting, to ensure the replacement planted trees successfully establish, a programme of ongoing management and watering would be needed during the 3-5 year establishment period. Replanting also introduces other environmental hazards such as plastic waste through the need to use tree guards during the establishment phase. Also, the time for replanted trees to reach maturity will not be dissimilar to the time for natural regeneration to take place and reach maturity.

An additional consideration for this particular site that has now been brought to my attention is the presence of chalk grassland and the opportunity afforded by the recent felling works to address ash dieback for restoring this area of chalk grassland.’

Bury Parish Council await to hear back about the extent of the felling and if there are plans for any more.

PLANNING APPLICATION – PAW PADDOCK

Towards the end of last year an application was made for the creation of a dog exercising compound in a field in Houghton Lane. This met with considerable opposition from a number of residents in the parish and we have now heard that the application has been withdrawn.

FALLEN TREES – BURY HOLLOW

A pair of trees high in the bank behind Appletree Cottage in the Hollow have toppled over to almost 90 degrees and now sit precariously above the road creating a possible danger to pedestrians and traffic should they suddenly fall further. As these trees are lying on the overhead electric lines, they were reported to SSE by Bury Parish Council a couple of weeks ago - BPC have now contacted SSE again (Feb 16th) who have promised to attend to this soon.

DOG FOULING

Following our report on 3rd February on dog fouling in Bury, it is disappointing to note that the problem persists and attempts are being made to identify the owner responsible. Failing to clear up after a dog is against the law and Chichester District Council Enforcement impose a fine of £100 for the offence (reducing to £75 if paid within 14 days). If fines are not paid and a case goes to court, the maximum penalty for dog fouling is £1,000.

Keep well and stay safe. If you require help with shopping or prescriptions please contact

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

For further information please contact the parish clerk, Mike Simpson at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

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

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council