



## NEWSLETTER 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2021

Dear Parishioner

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

#### **Roadmap out of lockdown – Step 4**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, England moved to Step 4 of the Roadmap with the Prime Minister setting out a five-point plan for living with Covid as restrictions are eased:

- Reinforce vaccine defences by reducing the dosing interval from 12 to 8 weeks for all adults.
- The majority of legal restrictions have been lifted and replaced with guidance to enable people to make their own informed decisions to manage the virus, emphasising caution and personal responsibility as cases continue to rise.
- The test, trace and isolate system will remain, with all positive cases legally required to self-isolate. Contacts of positive cases are required to self-isolate until the 16 August, after which adults who have received two vaccine doses and all under 18s will be exempt.
- Border controls will be maintained, including quarantine for all those travelling from a red list country, and for amber list countries unless double vaccinated.
- Data will be continually assessed and contingency measures retained if needed during higher risk periods, but restrictions will be avoided if possible.

Here once again is a summary of the main aspects of Step 4 from 19<sup>th</sup> July: -

- Face coverings will no longer be legally required but government guidance suggests people will be expected and recommended to wear them in enclosed and crowded indoor settings and venues where they come into contact with those they don't normally meet, such as on public transport. Face coverings are likely to be a condition of carriage on many airlines and other transport systems, mandatory in hospitals, surgeries and certain other healthcare settings and most supermarkets are encouraging customers to continue wearing them
- The 1m plus social distancing rules will no longer apply (other than in hospitals and at border control - and for people who are self-isolating) but people are encouraged to "exercise common sense and consider the risks" of social contact
- Limits on the number of people meeting indoors (the rule of six/two households) will end although the government is asking the public to continue to limit the number, proximity and duration of social contacts, to think about how ventilation can be improved when indoors and to consider meeting others outdoors where possible
- Limits on the number of people meeting outdoors (currently 30) will end
- Ordering drinks from a bar in pubs and restaurants will be permitted and the legal requirement for table service lifted – but still encouraged

- Government guidance on working from home where possible will end but businesses are being asked to stagger returns to the office throughout the summer to facilitate a gradual transition back to pre-pandemic practices
- The limit on named visitors to care homes will end
- Singing hymns in church and dancing at weddings and receptions will be permitted
- Theatres, cinemas, sports stadiums, festivals and other event venues can operate at full capacity
- Nightclubs can re-open but, along with other venues with large crowds, will be “encouraged” (but likely to be legally required from September) to use Covid status certification proving attendees had received two jabs or tested negative
- School “bubbles” will end
- It will no longer be a legal requirement to scan the NHS Covid app or provide contact details when visiting pubs, restaurants and other venues – but it is still advisable and venues are encouraged to request visitors to do so

### **Vaccination update**

It was announced on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July that all 17-year-olds within three months of their 18th birthday will be offered a Covid vaccine to make sure they are protected as soon as they turn 18.

Younger children aged 12 to 17 with underlying health conditions that put them at greater risk of Covid-19, those with certain disabilities and those living in homes with immunosuppressed relatives would also be offered a vaccine soon.

### **International travel**

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the government no longer recommend against travel to **amber list countries** and people arriving from these destinations (except for France) who have been fully vaccinated with an NHS vaccine will not need to quarantine on arrival in England – a pre-departure test before arrival in England and a PCR test on or before day 2 after arrival will be required. The rules on international travel both on leaving and returning to England are complex and subject to change at very short notice – as are the rules in the country you may be visiting - so If you are contemplating travelling abroad you may care to refer to the latest government guidance which can be found here: -

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=b619d27a-5ddc-4343-a8a7-781a9fd04f95&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=b619d27a-5ddc-4343-a8a7-781a9fd04f95&utm_content=daily)

### **NHS Test and Trace**

For an overview of the NHS Test and Trace system, including what happens if you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive, the latest government guidance can be found here: - [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=34748ff3-7f18-4704-812d-742f83a0dd9b&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=34748ff3-7f18-4704-812d-742f83a0dd9b&utm_content=daily)

## **BURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Election of chairman**

At the meeting of the council on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Councillor Richard Champness was elected as council chairman. John Labarte continues as vice-chairman, the remainder of the council comprising Councillors Karen Davis, Katka Marconi, Paul Whyles, Chris Daykin, John Rudd and Graham Morrison. The minutes of the meeting will be published shortly.

This was the first “in person” meeting of the council for some time – all meetings since March 2020 having been held on-line in accordance with Covid restrictions – and councillors were delighted to see a number of parishioners in attendance.

## **Have your say about a reinvented Bury Village Hall**

As you will have seen from Bury Parish Council's magazine "Your parish...an update" which was delivered to all households in the parish recently, we have some exciting plans to improve our village hall and make it more of a social hub at the heart of our community. However, before we draw up finished plans and launch a fund-raising initiative to cover the costs of the refurbishment, we would very much like your input on the project, what you would like to see included, and how you might make use of the new village hall and even, perhaps, how you might volunteer to help secure its success.

Consequently, we would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire included in the magazine and drop this off in the green post box on the wall outside the entrance to Bury village hall. If you prefer to let us have your response online you can complete the questionnaire at: -

<https://buryparishcouncil.org.uk/time-to-have-your-say-about-a-reinvented-bury-village-hall/>

Please note that the deadline date for responses is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed reading the magazine and found the news of the various projects and initiatives of interest. This form of communication was very much a first for the parish council and we would be very keen to hear any feedback you might like to share with us so it would be greatly appreciated if you would send any comments you might care to make in relation to the magazine in an email to Mike Simpson, the parish clerk at: -

[clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## **PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES – BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS**

Parishioners should by now have received the letter from Andrew Griffith MP outlining the proposals for the redrawing of parliamentary constituencies in which he warns that Bury would be severed from some of its closest neighbours. Whilst Bury, West Burton, Sutton and Fittleworth would become part of the newly proposed **Arundel and Littlehampton County Constituency**, places such as Watersfield, Coldwaltham, Amberley and Pulborough would be part of the new **Shoreham County Constituency**. Maps outlining the proposed new constituencies can be accessed here: -

<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/south-east/>

In his communication Andrew warns that the ongoing campaign against anti-social motorcylces on Bury Hill would be directly impacted if the areas adjoining Bury were spearated as described and states he will be making a proposal to ensure Bury and its neighbouring communities in the Arun Valley remain together. If you wish to add your support to the opposition to the Boundary Commissiom proposals, Andrew's letter provides details of how you can achieve this but he reminds us that the deadline for submissions is at the end of July.

## **WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036**

In autumn 2020, WSCC invited views about the key transport issues and priorities in the county via the West Sussex Transport Plan review survey and have now published their Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 (WSTP). The consultation period runs from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and further details can be found here: - <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/draft-west-sussex-transport-plan-consultation>

### **West Sussex Library Service**

All West Sussex libraries are now open during their normal hours for browsing and computer services. For full details of what they have to offer please see here: - <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/currentoffer>  
Please note that face coverings will be required when visiting the library.

## **CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL – TREE PLANTING SCHEME**

You will be aware of the ever-increasing calls for us to do what we can to combat climate change by cutting our carbon emissions. One way that we can help is to plant trees and/or hedging as they store carbon that we emit when using fossil fuels for heating our homes, car use etc. As part of this initiative Chichester District Council have appointed a project officer to assist councils and individuals by offering advice on what and where to plant and linking applicants with available funding. New trees must be planted outside existing woodland and can range from small numbers of trees through to new woodland blocks.

The parish council is very supportive of this scheme and indeed any measures to mitigate our carbon emissions, so if you have an area that you think could be suitable, even just a corner of a garden that might take a single tree, please either contact [chris.daykin@buryparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:chris.daykin@buryparishcouncil.org.uk) (07548 175226) or follow the link direct to the Chichester District Council web page at: - <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/treescheme>

Currently, CDC have a number of trees they will supply **free of charge** in readiness for the upcoming planting season which starts in November. The scheme opened for applications on 19<sup>th</sup> July and runs for six weeks - or until all the trees have been allocated – and will be on a first come, first served basis

Another potential source to approach could be EFORESTS who will provide free trees to wildlife trusts, community woodlands and farms as well as private landowners. Normally they would supply a minimum of 200 trees for projects but they state they can be fairly flexible. For further information, the link to their website can be seen here: - <https://www.eforests.co.uk/FreeTrees>

## **PLANTLIFE INTERNATIONAL ROAD VERGE CAMPAIGN**

We have received a communication from Plantlife International in which they invite parishioners to share their thoughts with them on their road verge campaign. They are also developing a new website and suggest that responses would be invaluable in its design and planning. Full details, including a link to complete the survey can be found here: -

<https://mailchi.mp/plantlife/road-verge-campaign-share-your-thoughts?e=00aca2565e>

Stay well and keep safe and 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](mailto:clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

To visit the parish council website, please see: - [www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk)

Best wishes  
Bury Parish Council