



NEWSLETTER 15th SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

England's Covid Response: Autumn and Winter Plan

The Prime Minister, in unveiling measures to deal with rising Covid cases in England over the winter, warned that the situation this year was in some respects more challenging than last year, with his scientific advisers saying that the next few weeks would represent a pivot point in the pandemic which may need early interventions.

High levels of vaccination will hopefully contain the number of people being hospitalised in the coming weeks and is central to the government's plan to protect the country from the economic and social effects of another lockdown. The measures announced are as follows: -

Plan A

Booster Jabs

Some 30 million people will be offered a single dose booster jab, including adults over the age of 50, frontline health and social care workers, older adults in residential care homes, people aged 16 to 49 with underlying health conditions at greater risk of severe Covid and adults who share a household with vulnerable people.

Booster jabs will be offered at least six months after a second vaccination and the roll-out will start next week. Where practical and subject to availability, booster jabs could be offered at the same time as the flu jab.

Vaccines for 12- to 15-year-olds

Following advice from the 4 UK Chief Medical officers, to help keep cases down and limit school disruption, children aged 12 to 15 in England will now be offered one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. Healthy school-aged children in this group will primarily receive their COVID-19 vaccination in their school with alternative provision for those who are home schooled, in secure services or specialist mental health settings.

The jab is not compulsory and invitations will begin next week. Parental consent will be sought although children under 16 who can prove they understand the risks and benefits can ask for the vaccine - or refuse it - if they disagree with their parents.

Other measures under Plan A also include

- encouraging the 5 million or so still unvaccinated to get jabbed
- continuing the work of NHS Test and Trace with PCR tests
- encouraging the take up of free flu vaccinations (which will be extended to over-50s and secondary school pupils)

- reminding people of the need to wear face coverings in crowded settings and the importance of fresh air ventilation when meeting indoors.

If the pandemic becomes more serious than expected and "Plan A" fails to prevent the NHS coming under "unsustainable pressure" ministers would introduce some or all of these measures: -

Plan B

- the use of mandatory vaccine passports for mass events and other settings
- compulsory wearing of face coverings in certain places
- a return to working from home
- advising the public to act more cautiously

Beyond Plan B, harsher economic and social restrictions, including another lockdown, could be deployed as a last resort. However, in committing to take whatever action is necessary to protect the NHS, the Prime Minister stressed his belief that the combined efforts of the public and the vaccination programme mean we can avoid plan B and protect our freedoms in the coming months.

International Travel

The Health Secretary has indicated that the government's global travel review due this week is expected to replace PCR tests with the less expensive lateral flow tests. The Prime Minister has confirmed that the traffic light system would be simplified and the burdens of testing made less onerous for people returning to the UK.

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – VACCINATION UPDATE

Vaccines for 16- & 17-year-olds

Teenagers aged 16 and 17 in West Sussex who have not yet been vaccinated can now go to a number of walk-in clinics across the county. They do not need an appointment and can go with friends or family. Walk-in clinics are taking place in Angmering, Bognor Regis, Chichester, Crawley and Haywards Heath as well as many other locations. The latest list of walk-in clinics can be seen here: -

<https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/how-do-i-get-my-jab/vaccinations-for-children-and-young-people-aged-12-to-17/>

DVLA UPDATE

DVLA **online** services are working as normal and without delay, with applicants normally receiving their driving licence or vehicle registration certificate (V5C) within 5 days. However, delays are still being experienced if you have posted a paper application and details of expected response timescales have been published in the latest update from the DVLA which can be accessed here: - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dvla-coronavirus-covid-19-update?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=a1159b5a-9674-4a52-b057-b06c6faddc78&utm_content=daily

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Planning Sub-Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Planning Sub-Committee held on 1st September 2021 have been posted on the parish council notice boards and can also be accessed here: -

<EP-Minutes-1st-September-2021.pdf> (buryparishcouncil.org.uk)

The next meeting of **Bury Parish Council** will be held on Monday 27th September – full details including the meeting agenda will appear in next week's Newsletter.

SOCIAL EVENING & APPLE PRESSING DAY EVENTS

We are delighted to include this report from Judith Daykin on last weekend's events: -

The Social Evening on Friday, followed by Apple Day on Saturday were organised and run by the Bury Fete Committee and the Bury and West Burton Volunteers on Bury Green.

An evening of Wine and Hog Roast amongst flickering lights and fire pits turned out to be quite a success, attended by almost 100 Villagers. The Apple Day, similarly well attended, with Barbecue and Apple pressing yielded approximately 150 litres of apple juice which was distributed to those who wished. Not only was money made to give to The Arun Churches, the benefits were so much more...getting to know each other, meeting old friends, working together and enjoying some relaxing time together. To all of the volunteers who worked so hard - it simply would not have happened without you - THANK YOU! From the largest to the smallest contribution, all your efforts were greatly appreciated, even if it was just turning up to share the days

Rumour has it that people would like this to become an annual Village event..... so watch this space!



Bury Parish Council would like to add their thanks to Judith and her volunteers for their magnificent efforts in staging these events, enabling so many parishioners to attend a long-awaited and most enjoyable social gathering.

WINDMILL CINEMA, LITTLEHAMPTON

The current programme from the Windmill Cinema includes the latest James Bond movie showing next month. For more details, please see here: - <https://windmillcinema.co.uk/WindmillCinema.dll/Home>

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

To visit the parish council website, please see: - www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk

Best wishes
Bury Parish Council