



NEWSLETTER 10th NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Vaccination Update

As at 8th November, a total of 96,169,332 doses of a coronavirus vaccine had been administered in the UK, with 50,296,294 people receiving a first dose (87.5% of the population aged 12 and over) and 45,873,038 people receiving both doses (79.8%).

As at 8th November, a booster jab had been administered to 10,580,122 people (18.4% of the population aged 12 and over). To help speed the take-up of the booster jab, the National Booking Service has been updated to allow those eligible for a booster vaccine – people over 50 and those most at risk of COVID-19 – to pre-book online their jab 5 months after their second dose.

People will still receive their vaccine 6 months after their second dose, but the change will speed up the vaccination programme by allowing people to receive a jab the day they become eligible, rather than waiting for a convenient appointment.

People will also be able to book by calling 119 and can get vaccinated at hundreds of walk-in sites across the country 6 months after their second dose without an appointment. Those eligible can use the NHS online walk-in finder to locate the most convenient site.

If you are eligible and wish to arrange for a booster jab, further details on how to do so can be found on the NHS website here: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

International Travel Update

As from 8th November it is now possible once again to travel to the **USA** following the ending of the restrictions imposed by former President Donald Trump in March 2020. Under the new rules, foreign travellers will need to show proof of vaccination before flying, get a negative Covid-19 test result within three days of travelling, and provide their contact information – it will not be necessary to quarantine upon arrival.

For those travelling/returning to England from a foreign country, the latest government rules can be found here: - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

For people travelling **from** England, rules and conditions of entry to another country may well differ from those on entering England and it may be prudent to consult the latest Foreign Office guidance on foreign travel which can be found here: - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

At the time of writing, there are currently no countries on the “red list” for travel.

A285 DUNCTON ROAD CLOSURE – UPDATE

Tom Richardson, our County Councillor, reports that the recent good weather has enabled significant progress to be made on the repair work to the carriageway. A number of the gabion baskets have been positioned and filled that will strengthen the overall integrity of the structure and all being well, with weekend working, the remaining gabions will be in position next week and works to the bank profiling will commence alongside the drainage improvements. The good progress has allowed us to develop the programme. Currently our ambition is for the road to be reopened under two-way traffic light control by mid-December. The full reopening of the road will follow as soon as possible after that - before Christmas all being well. This is subject to a number of factors including, weather conditions, resource and material availability and any unforeseen problems occurring during the construction works.

THE GARDENERS OF ST. JOHN'S, BURY

Last week the churchyard at St.John's received some welcome attention when a working group carried out tasks such as general maintenance and tidying, light pruning and the planting of more perennials in order to introduce colour and interest in the seasons ahead. Our photo shows Liz Burrows, Hilary Kenrick, Debbie Whyles and Gill Labarte as they pause for a break in the autumn sunshine.



BURY, WEST BURTON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society will be holding a guided workshop run by two florists in Bury Village Hall to make **Christmas Wreaths, Swag and Table Arrangements** on Thursday December 2nd 10am -12.30 Included in the fee of £25 are frames, foliage, candles, ribbons, containers, wires and oasis together with all that is necessary to go home with at least two completed beautiful individual items. Refreshments and cakes will be included. Why not bring a friend and have some fun. Places will be limited to comply with present risk assessment requirements.

To book places or for more details please contact Gill Labarte 01798-831174 or email gill.labarte@btinternet.com

WINTER MAINTENANCE ON OUR ROADS NETWORK

Recent overnight frosts remind us that we are approaching the time of year when adverse weather could affect driving conditions on the trunk and minor roads we need to use in and around Bury so here is an update on the current winter maintenance programme.

During winter snow and ice conditions, gritting and snow clearance of the county's trunk roads such as the A27, A23 and M23 is the responsibility of **Highways England**. The role of **West Sussex County Council's Highways Division** is to keep the county's other key priority routes - A and B roads, plus other roads of local importance – safe and passable during bad weather.

WSCC's Winter Service Network routes cover 1,690km of roads and include access to airports, major bus routes, police stations, ambulance stations, fire stations, A&E hospitals and large industrial establishments. WSCC do this using 20 gritters, to which they can attach snow ploughs when required. There are 19 routes that take around three hours each to complete.

It is not possible for West Sussex Highways to grit or clear snow from all other roads, footways or cycle ways so parishes such as Bury are provided with a number of roadside salt bins enabling residents to spread grit at strategic places such as inclines and junctions. There are two salt bins in Bury, one in Houghton Lane just down from The Square and the other at the top of The Street opposite Old London Road - and two in West Burton, one adjacent to the parish council board and the other at Hale Hill. All four bins are currently full.

DVLA UPDATE

As parishioners may be aware, service from the DVLA has been considerably slower as a result of COVID related issues and industrial action by members of staff. If you are currently applying for, renewing or replacing a driving licence, taxing a vehicle, advising of a change of address etc., an update on the processing of applications can be seen here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dvla-coronavirus-covid-19-update?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=b11a0c7c-9df0-431c-9d2f-589df0aeab45&utm_content=daily

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Applications/Decisions

Details of planning applications received by Bury Parish Council in its role as a consultee can always be seen on our website and can also be accessed here: - [Planning Application Decisions – Bury Parish Council](#)

To see all supporting documents in connection with an application submitted to the South Downs National Park Authority – the local planning authority - you can visit their website and use the reference number for the application in question. The link to the SDNPA planning application website can be found here: -

<https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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