

NETHER BROUGHTON COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK, NEWSLETTER 12th JANUARY 2021

Well, here we go again! Just a quick newsletter to let you know about local support plans now we are in another lockdown.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCHEME

During the previous lockdowns, our community support scheme was here to help and it remains so again. If you feel you are in a vulnerable category, don't feel forced to do something you are not happy with. It's OK to protect yourself and keep isolating to keep safe. Remember the village community support scheme has **MANY** wonderful volunteers who can help you. Do not hesitate to contact **Christine Todd, the Support Co-ordinator on 01664 822305** if you need some practical support, further information or are feeling isolated and would just like a friendly phone-call. Also, both **Rev Jamie McKay (01664 82347)** and **Rev Simon Shouler (01664 822698)** are also only a phone call away should you need them.

Other important numbers:

Melton Community Support Hub	01664 502502
Age UK (Melton Mowbray)	01664 410253
Sue Evans (Parish Council Clerk)	07923 224773

In addition, **Fiona Herrick** continues to offer a prescription collection service from Long Clawson Pharmacy. Contact Fiona by telephone: **07968 888632 or 01664 822127** and she will sort out everything for you.

VACCINATIONS

Remember, **WAIT TO BE CONTACTED FOR YOUR VACCINATION**. The NHS will let you know when it's your turn. When it is the right time people will receive an invitation to come forward. For most people this will be a letter or phone call, either from their GP or the national NHS. The letter will include all the information you will need to book appointments, including your NHS number. Please do not contact the NHS until you get this letter.

Currently, community vaccinations for the Melton, Syston and Vale Primary Care Network are being delivered at the **Melton Sports Village on Burton Road in Melton Mowbray**. This is where you will most likely have to go for

your vaccination; however you may have seen in the media that some people are receiving letters offering rapid appointments at one of the larger regional vaccination centres where capacity is higher. **This initiative is an offer to speed up vaccine rollout and not compulsory** so if you do receive one of these letters, please feel free to take up the offer but don't worry if you can't due to travel difficulties etc, **you will still get an offer for local vaccination when available**.

Further information can be found on our local NHS clinical commissioning group website page: <https://eastleicestershireandrutlandccg.nhs.uk> and on our own Long Clawson Surgery practice website: <https://www.valemedicalgroup.co.uk>

Finally, **BEWARE OF VACCINE SCAMS**. Some people are receiving fraudulent calls and text messages offering the COVID-19 vaccination for a small fee. The vaccine is **FREE** and only available from the NHS. The NHS will:

- **NEVER** ask you to press a button on your keypad or send a text asking you to confirm you want the vaccine.
- **NEVER** ask for payment for the vaccine or for your bank details.

If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, you should report this directly to Action Fraud either online; <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or via phone 0300 123 2040.

ROAD CLOSURES (FOR PATCHING AND MAINTENANCE)

A reminder that commencing 25th January for 8 days, roadworks on Broughton Hill will mean that the main A606 will be closed from the village (except for access). Roadworks will also mean Church End between Hecadeck Lane and Broughton Lane will also be closed between the 4th and 8th February. Diversions will be signposted

Look out for our next newsletter. In the meantime follow the rules:

STAY AT HOME.....do not mix with other households. Only people spread the virus, it can't move on its own!

PROTECT THE NHS....from becoming overwhelmed.

SAVE LIVES.....of the vulnerable and the ones you love.

