

Hail Weston Parish Council Meeting APRIL 2020

The Countywide Hub has been set up is to coordinate the distribution of support to the Shielded Group of residents who are at highest risk. To support the sustainability of critical public services through the deployment of staff and volunteers. 8500 people have registered in the Shielded category and approx 1000 people are coming through the County Hub

To ensure that we are making the best use possible of all available resources to minimise anxiety , to coordinate social action and to ensure those most vulnerable are benefitting from appropriate community support.

Contact the Countywide COVID-19 Coordination Hub - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus 24/7 or the Hub can be contacted Monday to Friday 0800- 1800 and Saturdays 0900-1300 at communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or on 0345 045 5219

Please note the Cambridgeshire Hub is using a password to identify themselves when contacting people using their services, owing to scams.

Please be aware of Scams such as direct phone calls purporting to be from Public Health. Trading Standards have shut down a website in Pboro selling hand sanitizer which was a scam.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our local volunteers for the work they are doing to assist people in need.

Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund provides funding for local projects that need to react quickly to help with COVID 19 issues. If you google Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund it will take you to the relevant page on their website. The County Council has contributed to the fund and the panel sits twice a week to consider bids.

Work to convert the Marshall's site into a temporary Mortuary started on 08 April and it is anticipated that it will be up and running this week. Let's hope it's not needed.

Addenbrokes is anticipating building an additional facility on land adjacent to Car Park 2 to provide surge capacity, it will provide an additional 254 acute beds. The ICU at Addenbrokes will be increased to 350 beds.

The County Council has taken the lead on commissioning additional care provision on behalf of both health and social care. We have purchase c.370 additional nursing, residential and interim beds which are being utilised to discharge people from hospital to clear hospital space for COVID19 cases.

We have been doing well with discharging people from hospital to date, everyone that is fit enough to be discharged has been discharged. At the last update there were around 170 of the additional beds still vacant.

We are supporting car homes and home care providers with PPE issues and access to PPE. The County Council took immediate early steps to source PPE locally, which with the Government drops are seeing us through so far. PPE is being distributed from a warehouse at Alconbury.

The CC has set up Home Learning for Pupils at home which is available on <https://www.cambslearningtogether.co.uk> This is a fantastic repository of activities for pupils to compliment work they are getting from school.

If you click on the competition and projects link you will see the project we have set on communities with an IPAD as a prize.

From Monday 23rd March all Cambridgeshire CC Libraries will be closed until further notice. During this time:-

Overdue charges have been suspended and return dates have been extended throughout the closure period

A number of digital services will be provided to browse eBooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers and 3 suppliers of eAudiobooks visit our Online Library webpage

The CC Recycling Centres at Alconbury & St Neots are closed.

In light of the current COVID – 19 situation in relation to the Local Highway Improvement Bids for 2021/22 the deadline of 31st May has been removed and the CC will be accepting applications until further notice.

Keep safe and well

Cllr Ian Gardener

County Councillor Alconbury and Kimbolton