BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

COVID-19 STATEMENT

Bishopsteignton Parish Council acknowledges its duty of care during the present COVID -19 virus incident. The physical, mental and social aspects of wellbeing of our parishioners and community is of paramount importance to the BPC.

The Council is confident that the incident can largely be managed by residents taking personal responsibility and rigorously following the Government and NHS guidelines. Of particular concern, is the need to provide help to those who are most vulnerable to the virus; the elderly (especially those with existing medical conditions and who are living alone) and residents who have a compromised auto-immune system.

We are fortunate to live within a community that is extremely good at 'pulling-together' to help in a neighbourly fashion. We recommend that you work together by forming micro-communities in your locality; by road or sections of houses within a road, depending on the size.

However, over and above this and to plug any gaps in this self-help, further help and support can be provided by **Bishopsteignton Care Watch and the Bishopsteignton Emergency Resilience Team (BERT).** At the time of printing we have over 120 volunteers willing to help.

They can: -

- Pick up shopping
- Give you a friendly phone call
- Provide help with dealing with Government Depts e.g. DWP re. benefits.

Please get in contact if you feel that you or a member of your family are vulnerable and wish to be contacted on a regular basis to check on your welfare. If you are concerned that you have the symptoms of Coronavirus and are therefore self-isolating for the recommended period, please follow the advice issued by PHE. In addition, to ensure you have someone in regular communication with you please feel free to contact the named co-ordinator for the zone you live in. They, and a team of local volunteers, can ensure that you have any medication or supplies delivered to you whilst you are isolated. Please contact either: -

Bishopsteignton Care Watch 07874 749705

BERT 07708512906

Information on the village response to COVID-19 will be on the Parish Council website. www.bishopsteignton-pc.gov.uk

Further information will be provided by: -

Social Media Facebook – Bishopsteignton Parish Council and Bishop Banter

Instagram – Bishopsteigntonbanter

Twitter – Bishopsteignton Chat (Bishopbanter1)

Verbal House visits, telephone calls, megaphone (if required)

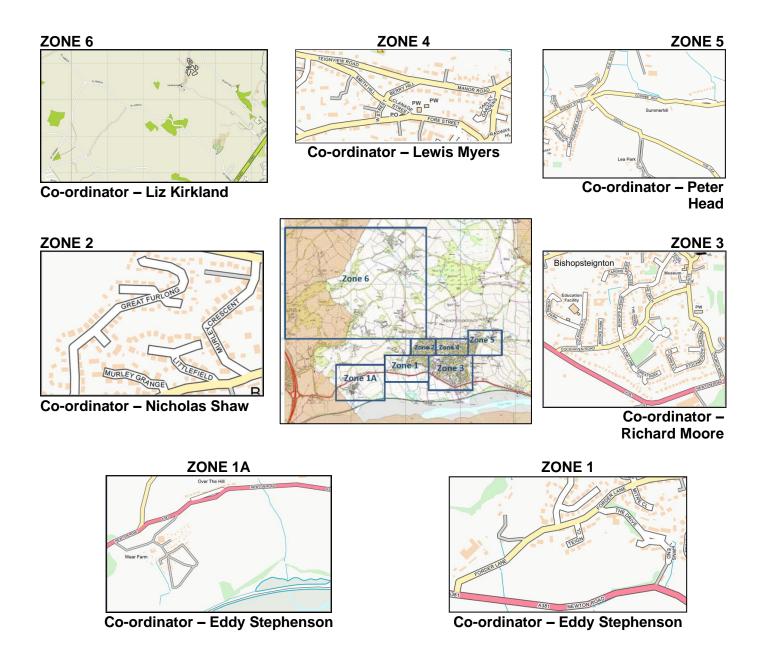
Hopefully, if we are all vigilant, this can pass us with minimal disruption and we can look forward to better times ahead, where we can once again come out and celebrate all that is good in our fantastic village.

Bishopsteignton Parish Council

19.03.2020

BISHOPSTEIGNTON EMERGENCY RESILIENCE & CARE WATCH ZONES

To register yourself or a family member as vulnerable please call BERT on 07708512906 providing your name, address, contact number and confirm in which zone this lies



Anyone interested in joining the band of volunteers please email bertbpc@gmail.com or call 07708512906

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND LINKS

Supply Stores – your village shop Tel. 7775229 – orders over £20 can be delivered.

Bishopsteignton Pharmacy – Tel. 775234 – During this period the pharmacy have made necessary changes to its usual practices. Please do not attempt to collect a <u>regular repeat prescription</u> until you are notified by a member of pharmacy staff who will telephone to advise you when it is ready for collection. When arranged with pharmacy staff deliveries can be made to those known to be self-isolating and to those in the over 70s age group.

NHS – focus on Corona Virus – https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Public health England - https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england