

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT FOR 3RD NATIONAL COVID LOCKDOWN

JANUARY 2021

Bishopsteignton Parish Council acknowledges its duty of care to parishioners during the latest COVID-19 lockdown, therefore the physical, mental and social aspects of wellbeing of our parishioners and community are of paramount importance to the BPC and other organisations in the parish.

The first, extended lockdown experienced from March 2020 was considered by the Council to be an emergency because we found ourselves in a situation which we had never experienced before. Our amazing Bishopsteignton Emergency Resilience Team (known as BERT) stepped in and supported us all so magnificently.

As with the November lockdown the Parish Council does not consider this 3rd Lockdown to be an emergency in terms of BERT needing to step in and support the community, and again is confident that the incident can largely be managed by residents taking personal responsibility and rigorously following the Government and NHS guidelines. The first vaccinations in our community have now begun which is excellent news, but more than ever we must continue to always remain vigilant.

Therefore, BERT will not be moving into full RESPONSE level. However, if, for example, the village is to suffer from the effects of snow or floods, or an extended power cut, and the Emergency Services are unable to assist, then essential support would always be provided by BERT (07708-512906). Instead, BERT will be reviewing the situation continually and working closely with **BISHOPSTEIGNTON CARE WATCH** who will be the primary source of support to anyone on the community who needs help or assistance.

Our particular concern is to provide help to those most vulnerable to the virus, such as the elderly (especially those with existing medical conditions and who live alone) and residents who have received a NHS letter advising them to shield.

Hopefully much of our village will be better prepared for the new situation having successfully built a framework of micro-communities during the restrictions in 2020. This method was demonstrated and worked brilliantly during both previous lockdowns. We are fortunate to live within a community that is extremely good at 'pulling-together' to help where we can.

Over and above this community and self-help, and to fill in any gaps, as mentioned above Bishopsteignton Care Watch are available as your primary support provider. They can assist with things such as collecting shopping, transport to and from medical appointments, checking in regularly with a friendly phone call, listening to any worries/concerns, emergency cover for dog walking, etc. Please get in touch if you feel that you or a member of your family are vulnerable and would like to be contacted.

Bishopsteignton Care Watch 07874-749705

This and additional information will be shared regularly on the Facebook pages of Bishopsteignton Parish Council and Bishop Banter.

We are hopeful that if we all remain vigilant this winter lockdown will pass with minimal disruption. We can then look forward to better times ahead when we can once again come out and celebrate all that is good in our fantastic village.

*With Best wishes,
Bishopsteignton Parish Council
05/01/21*

**If someone is seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk
ALWAYS call the Emergency Services on 999**

Bishopsteignton Pharmacy/Post Office - A message from the team

*'The Pharmacy and Post Office will be open as normal during this third lockdown. We will continue to text or telephone you to say your prescription is ready for collection. Please do not come or arrange collection before this message is received. For people who have received a shielding letter during the first two lockdowns we can deliver, please telephone us if you require this service. We will continue with two people only inside the shop at any time to maintain social distancing; we are happy to greet you at the door to hand out ready prescriptions in order to keep the Post Office service flowing. We aim to identify and prepare new prescriptions following a doctor discussion on the day. Please telephone on 01626 775234 if you have any concerns
With best wishes Alison, Sarah and Kathy'*

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND LINKS

Bishopsteignton Parish Council	07483-149812
Bishopsteignton Care Watch	07874-749705
BERT Bishopsteignton Emergency Resilience Team	07708-512906
Bishopsteignton Pharmacy & Post Office	01626 775234
Village Supply Stores	01626 775229
Volunteering in Health	01626 771695
Teignbridge District Council Resident Support Hotline	01626 215512

Government Lockdown guidance	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/949536/NationalLockdownGuidance.pdf
Government/PHE Coronavirus guidance	https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus
NHS - Focus on Coronavirus	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
Government Support if affected by Coronavirus	https://www.gov.uk/find-coronavirus-support
Teignbridge District Council - Coronavirus updates incl. business support and Covid-19 Hardship Fund	https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-help-and-advice/coronavirus-updates/
Devon County Council – includes business support, information about education, latest local Covid-19 statistics.	https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/