



WELCOME TO THE FOURTH CORONAVIRUS NEWSLETTER FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Brixton Parish Council Coronavirus Newsletter

This newsletter is produced weekly (Friday) by Brixton Parish Council and published on the Brixton Parish Council website and Face book pages. Updates in between are posted on the website and Love Brixton Devon and Brixton Village Facebook. A copy is also on the notice board by the pedestrian crossing.

Firstly thank you to everyone for following the guidance from Public Health England to stay at home and only make those necessary journeys for shopping, work and medicines ... you are all helping to prevent the spread of the virus to our communities. It is difficult but when you see how people with the virus suffer and how hard our NHS colleagues are working to look after us then we know how important it is that we stay at home.

This week ... there are now four prescription volunteers covering Yealm Medical Centre and Dean Cross and other volunteers have continued to come forward to support the Parish Council Community Emergency Plan led by Councillor Helen Williams, responding to the flier 'Nobody should feel alone'.

Copies are on the Brixton Parish Council website and outside her home 3 Pear Tree Cottages, next to the Foxhound please email helen.deaswilliams@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk if urgent phone Helen 01752 881873.

Volunteer leaders are now in place looking after their small areas in Brixton Parish to be a contact point, arrange local calls for those who would like this and to be alert to any issues or signs someone need help locally. If starting to feel seriously unwell or unable to phone, everyone is asked to hang a pillowcase, towel or similar from their letterbox, door, and window – a visible signal they need help. The volunteer leaders walk around their area daily (while doing their exercise!) to look out for signs of distress if not already alerted by neighbours or daily phone calls. Volunteer leaders will soon make themselves known to their local neighbours by letter.

A big 'thank you' to Helen and all our volunteers for the great work they are doing. We are also working with neighbouring parishes, South Hams District Council and Devon County Council.

National Government support for businesses can be found on www.businesssupport.gov.uk

This week's update

Brixton Village Shop and Post Office and the Post Office at Yealmpton are temporarily closed until at least 22nd April 2020. Post Office services are available at Elburton and Newton Ferrers. Newspapers are available at Rodgers Garage. If the closure of the Post Office counter services creates any immediate problems please contact Helen Williams details above who will try to find a way to support.

Annie at Just Williams can supply 1kg bags of frozen veg and fruit, phone first to arrange payment and pick up 5-6pm ... Annie can be flexible if needed on timing.

Debbie in the Brixton Fish & Chips is closed for the moment through supplier issues.

Neighbouring Yealmpton Stores and Londis at Yealmpton Garage are also stocked and offering excellent service to locals. Keep your distance and pay by card rather than cash to minimise risk.

Rodgers Texaco Garage/Petrol station new hours until further notice – closed on Sundays, open from Mon- Sat 08.00-18.00hrs for the full range of services newspapers, local shopping services, car servicing and MOTs.

Yealm Medical Centre

Email e.yealmmedicalcentre@nhs.net

repeat prescriptions. Allow 6 working days/2 weeks to process. Advise Brixton Volunteers at least two working days ahead email helen.deaswilliams@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk (or if not on email, phone 881873) to arrange pick up. Approved volunteers can pick up prescriptions **Tuesday & Thursday pm.**

Dean Cross surgery

Order repeat prescriptions on the website, allow 5 working days. Only 1 inhaler can be given and 28 days meds. Well Pharmacy deliver only to existing delivery patients, cannot take on new patients and need one week to process – so order meds two weeks ahead; Dean Cross also works with Church Road (Gallaghers), Springfield in Elburton, Morrisons and Boots Broadway. For volunteer pick-up, book ahead, email/phone to Helen as above.

Full details of shopping and medical services can be found on the Brixton Parish Council website and on Facebook please contact Helen with any updates

Pharmacies in Devon will be open on Good Friday and Easter Monday but please only visit them if you really need to. Look at their website [Pharmacies in Devon](#) for more information.

Sherford Community – are supporting each other with a TRUST Larder, putting in and taking out, as they don't have a shop nearby. We are liaising closely with them to support their community emergency response.

Financial help may be available locally

The Brixton Feoffee Trustees are very well aware of the problems that some people may be experiencing during this emergency. The **Brixton Feoffee Trust** has allocated £3,000 from its reserves to help people who are struggling during the current crisis. One-off grants of up to £100 per household for food and basic essentials may be made depending on the individual household's circumstances and subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This funding is available for people living in Brixton parish. Applications should only be made for a grant to buy food and basic essentials. Please contact the Clerk, Sally Axell, on 01752 880262 or email brixtonfeoffeetrust@googlemail.com for further information

Yealm Community Energy - COVID relief - Yealm Community Energy has committed £2,000 from its upcoming community fund payment to each of the five parishes for measures relating to COVID-19. Applications can be made using the form available on the YCE website. Please contact Andrew Moore on 01752 873532 or email drmoore@gmail.com for more information.

Shielding or At Risk? Since the last newsletter Public Health England has written a letter to people at high risk ... if you have received this letter informing you to self-isolate for 12 weeks you may like to register with the Brixton Community Emergency Team so that we and local volunteer leaders are aware of your circumstances as you may need extra support. All personal information is being held in a way which is GDPR compliant- we will protect your personal information. Email helen.deaswilliams@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk or phone 01752 881873.

St. Marys Church – the church building is currently closed but there are virtual services and prayer groups see St. Mary's Church website for further information about Easter services.

Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm is in telephone contact with all its 40+ families. If you have concerns about a person with dementia or if as a family or a carer you need additional support, please contact Maxine on 07450206312. There are also regular updates on Facebook

Citizens Advice South Hams - Contact information - Advice line: 03444 111 444 (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm)
Email: www.southhamscab.org.uk
Help: www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Letter: Citizens Advice, Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes TQ9 5NE

Brixton Devon Website

<https://www.brixtondevon.co.uk/> this website replaces the Brixton Village website and was launched on 1st April with a wealth of information about the village and the parish. A regular update on the Corona virus is also on this website.

Public Rights of Way - Devon County Council is keeping the public rights of way footpaths open. This weekend if you use the footpaths please be considerate to the farmers who are essential workers and at risk, if the hygiene requirements for corona virus are not followed. So please keep to the paths, leave gates etc as you find them. **Keep your dog/s on short leads at all times and keep to the path when walking on the public right of way footpaths through fields** as there are baby lambs there now and ewes about to lamb ... they can miscarry if spooked by a dog ... even a dog on a lead can frighten a sheep. So please take great care using the public rights of way footpaths and support our local farmers- if they get corona virus there is no one to look after their animal's welfare.

An update from Devon & Cornwall Police **What is the best way to contact the police at this busy time for non-emergencies?**

If possible the Police ask that you use the following options before dialing 101 Click before you call – go online at devon-cornwall.police.uk/

Check if you can find the answer yourself on [AskNed](#)

Use the [online crime reporting form](#) [Web chat live](#) with the 101 service (link to this facility at bottom right of Devon and Cornwall Police homepage)

Email the 101 service at 101@dc.police.uk If you do need to call 101 about a non emergency, please be aware that it may take longer than normal to answer your call. Perhaps consider calling at a quieter time of the day, like late evening if it is not time critical.

I have intelligence about a crime – who should I contact?

Please continue to contact the police on the details listed above. If it is an emergency call 999 or for non-emergencies use the online contact options where possible. You can also report crime and intelligence anonymously via Crimestoppers either by calling 0800 555111 or by using their online reporting system at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Thank you to everyone for keeping our community going and safe... smile and wave... give a shout on Thursday for our wonderful health care and all support workers. Look after our farmers... keep dogs on short leads where the public rights of way footpaths cross the fields (all other fields are private and there is no public access). Let's keep our distance and stay home ... coronavirus relies totally on us to spread and continue the infection it doesn't do it on its own. Enjoy the Easter weekend.

