

Sparsholt Community Support Group

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE MOBILE CORONAVIRUS TESTING STATION BE WARY IF ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS

There is a mobile Coronavirus testing station at Sparsholt College. Unfortunately the postcode for the College is incorrectly positioned in the middle of a farmers field by both Google Maps and Waze, two very commonly used navigation systems.

It seems to have become more difficult if not impossible to get such errors corrected - even though the postcode does resolve correctly on some gps sites.

This is causing many drivers to get lost in and around the village, despite the College directing people to travel by the Stockbridge Road.

Drivers may then stop to ask for directions.

As they may have the virus, because that is why they are going to the testing station, **you are warned to be extremely careful if anyone stops for directions.**





STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

The recent government announcement about measures to fight the virus seems to have caused some concerns in peoples' minds – particularly about what 'Stay Alert' means. The previous 'Stay at Home' message seemed to some to have been clearer, more straightforward.

Perhaps as a result of this change, there does seem to have been more people and cars out and about – walking, driving, cycling through and around the village, relaxing the approach to social distancing. We all want things to return to the way they were but

Our reality is that, whilst some of the fatality and hospital numbers are coming down which is very encouraging, we are a long way from being clear of the virus and of its effects. Government guidance on staying alert is still clear :

Stay Alert – Control the Virus – Save Lives

- **Stay at home** as much as possible
- **Work from home** if you can
- **Limit contact** with other people
- Keep a social distance of **no less than 2 metres** from anybody nearby, if at all possible
- **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly

Also, don't leave the house if anyone there has any symptoms of Covid 19.

This is all really good advice which it is recommended you continue to follow.

The shop is continuing to exercise the social distancing policies that have been in place for several weeks – it is the sensible thing to do to keep our staff and our customers safe !

We do not consider it safe to relax our procedures any time soon. Being served may take a little longer than usual but better than becoming unwell !!

***** PLEASE OBSERVE THE GUIDELINES AND STAY SAFE *****

POINTS FROM YOUR CITY COUNCILLOR

Green Recycling bins

Many of us are finding we are filling up your green recycling bin more quickly at the moment. If you would like a second bin - Free of Charge - you can obtain one from the City Council.

Discretionary Business Fund

The Government announced a new Discretionary Business Fund at the weekend. If you run a local business you may be entitled to financial support if you have not already applied to the various funds. Please contact the City Council Business hotline for help or your local councillor.

Council Tax

If you are struggling to pay your Council Tax given the current conditions we are all under, you can request a change to your payment plan. Please contact the City Council to discuss your circumstances.

Future Vision of Winchester

There is a new survey online about the future Vision for the city of Winchester. If you are interested in participating please complete the survey which will be used to formulate policies for the new Local Plan. Here is the link:

<https://www.onegreatwin.com>

New Mayor of Winchester

I am delighted to advise Cllr Patrick Cunningham will become the 821st Mayor of Winchester **on the 20th of this month** in very difficult circumstances. If you would like Patrick to support any events throughout the next year (virtually and hopefully in person in due course) please contact the Mayor's office at the City Council.

Bottle Bank

We have asked for the bottle bank at the Plough to be emptied ahead of the normal schedule.... we have obviously been generating a few more bottles than normal!!

Cllr Caroline Horrill

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EVERY MIND MATTERS



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WINCHESTER VILLAGES TRUST

This charity provides for the relief of need in villages surrounding Winchester. Types of help available are:

- Grants to relieve stress, sickness or infirmity;
- Gifts in kind to help those in need;
- Transport costs for those entering hospital and for visiting relatives
- Help for students and those seeking employment; and
- School extra-curricular activities

For further information contact the Sparsholt Trustee, Alistair Lang, on **01962 776204** or alistairlang@me.com

It would not be at all surprising if you are feeling worried, anxious, or stressed; have a low mood; or are having problems sleeping because of the effects of the coronavirus lockdown. Advice is available to help you to deal with any concerns you may have.

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Helping others

Or maybe you are concerned about a relative or friend struggling to deal with the situation then please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/helping-others/>

Supporting children during lockdown

Or if you are worried about your children...there is help for parents and children on the the Young Minds website:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>



SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

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Sparsholt Parish: <http://www.sparsholtparish.org/>
Sparsholt Shop: <http://www.sparsholtshop.com/>
Downs Benefice: <http://www.downsbenefice.org/>