

Sparsholt Community Support Group



SHOP STAYS OPEN

The Sparsholt Shop at the heart of the community

SPARSHOLT SHOP AND POST OFFICE

The shop is aiming to stay open for as long as possible, and we are looking for ways to make shopping safe for all.

Please continue to shop responsibly and considerately of others, respect the person in the shop and follow the social distancing rules.

Shop opening hours:
Monday - Saturday
8.00am - 1pm

Post Office opening hours:
Monday-Friday
9.00am till 12.00 midday

PHOTO COMPETITION

As part of our aim to keep everyone's spirits up, we are organising a photo competition in the village.

Whenever you are out in the village, please take a picture of an object in the village that is difficult to recognise and falls under one of the two following categories:

'Where is this?' or 'What is this?'

The aim is to publish the photos in this newsletter, so that we can all have some fun. Answers will be published in the subsequent newsletter.

Photos can be sent to:

supportgroupnews@sparsholtparish.org

ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety remains a concern during the Corona outbreak.

Please be aware of:

- Fake ads (medicine, masks)
- Links to sensational news
- Bogus charity appeals
- Phishing emails for compensation from insurance companies

Don't click on any unknown links in emails, texts or posts on Social Media or email attachments.

More information can be found

[here.](#)



Photo for illustrative purpose only

Hairy Pot Plants

You may have heard about distribution of **Hairy Pot Plants** in other villages.

We have arranged to receive sufficient plants to provide several plants per household in Sparsholt Parish – we hope this will bring a smile to everyone's face.

The plants are free but we'd like to support the company, which is based in our parish, and so if you can make a small donation, that would be great.

You will have either received a plant or will receive one very soon.

Rest assured that we will be seeking to ensure that every household who would like to receive plants does so once we can do so in a safe manner in line with government movement restrictions.

If you wish to make a donation, please visit:

<https://www.kirtonfarm.uk-uk/plants-for-people>

PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN

Please keep an eye out for your neighbour if you know he or she is living alone.

Perhaps you can **tap their window** or **knock their door** to make **contact** and see if they are alright. (Always conscious of social distancing).

If you know of anyone who hasn't got access to an online copy of this newsletter, or hasn't been added to the mailing list, please make them aware or provide them with a printed copy of this newsletter.

BONFIRES

We are urging you not to light any bonfires during the lockdown period.

This can pose a health risk to people with a respiratory condition.

The fire department has also been sent out to extinguish fires on a number of occasions, and we don't want to put any more pressure on emergency services.

Thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE BE
CONSIDERATE TO
OTHERS

COUNCIL TAX

If you are having problems paying your council tax, please note that there are ways of deferring payments.

Please contact Winchester City Council for more information.

More information can be found [here](#).

EMPTY BUILDINGS

Keep an eye out for empty buildings.

Empty premises, such as pubs have been vandalised, and Travellers have been taking over empty car parks.



RAINBOWS

Thank you to everyone who created a beautiful rainbow, they can all be admired at the phonebox next to our Village Shop.

HCC OPENS HELPLINE

Hampshire County Council have set up a new helpline for people within the shielded group. Those who have received a letter can contact the Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline - Hantshelp4vulnerable on 0333 370 4000.

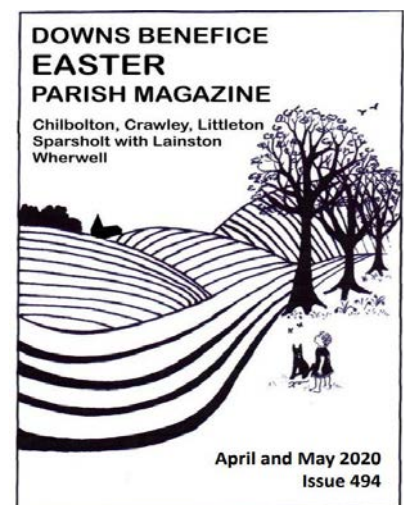
The helpline is available seven days a week, from 9am to 5pm. You can use this helpline if you need urgent assistance with essential food or household supplies, collection of medication or if you are at risk of loneliness.

If you have used this service, the Sparsholt Community Support Group would like to know your experience in order to provide feedback to the council.

If you have not received a letter from the Council, but you are in need of support, you can contact the Sparsholt Community Support Group on 07595 967259.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Easter edition of the Downs Benefice magazine can now be read on their [website](#).



SPARSHOLT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Contact details:

Contact phone number for requests for support – 07595 967259

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