

Staying safe by keeping in touch - a quick reminder

If you need support whilst self-isolating - get in touch, we're here to help.

Telephone and leave a message on: 07745 796 118.

All messages will be picked up and responded to daily. Please leave clear contact details so someone can return your call. Your data is secure, remains confidential and used only for the requested purpose.

Remember: if you have to go out, stay two metres away from anyone.

Is boredom creeping in?

Shall we join together to create something long lasting ?

Do you sew, knit, or crochet ? Have you got a bag of wool or piece of fabric that you've just never got round to turning into something ?

If everyone embroidered a square, we could turn this into a patchwork quilt to hang in the Village Hall as a lasting memory of what can be achieved. For the knitters, small blankets could provide comfort and something to go over the knees for care home residents.

If you have a skill for craft, embroidery, painting, jewellery or other ideas you may have, when life has returned to normal we could have a sale, and the proceeds donated to NHS staff and carers who are doing so much for us at the moment.

If you would like to get involved in a creative project or have a great idea, please get in touch via the contact details above. We'd love to hear from you.

Bring a ray of sunshine for everyone to see

Why not grow a sunflower? If everyone had one or two growing in the front garden, they would provide a ray of sunshine for all. We will hold a competition to judge the tallest which can still be done from a distance if that's necessary.

Games with friends and neighbours

Amelia, our resident games enthusiast, has set up an online group using the App 'Words with friends'. Look out for the Briantspuddle fingerpost sign as her locator image to find players. For our guide on how to join the group, call the helpline and we'll email you a copy. (Need to get some Z's in this - not scoring well here...!)

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Community support and reassurance during Covid19



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Support team contact details

Telephone and leave a message on: 07745 796 118

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OR

email: parishhelpline@gmail.com

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Hello from the Parish Covid19 team

Our parish team was rapidly formed to prepare for the impact of Coronavirus. We have received an incredible and heartwarming response to our request for volunteers to help with a range of tasks for the parish. Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to offer their time and assistance. We also appreciate how hard it has been for those who are normally so active in our villages who have been forced to take a back seat.

Briantspuddle Village Shop and Post Office

The volunteers are working hard to keep the Post Office and shop open, and stocked with produce.

To comply with Government instruction, we have introduced a queueing system via the village hall and only one customer may be present in the shop at any one time. For your additional reassurance, volunteers are wearing gloves and surfaces are regularly disinfected each day.

Temporary services during Covid19

The paper boy is back ! If you would like your newspaper delivered, let us know.

Shopping - if you are unable or would prefer not to visit the shop, we'll deliver to your doorstep. Telephone the helpline to place your order. We'll do our best to provide the items you request, but please appreciate some lines are not readily available.

To help with payments of delivery items, we have introduced temporary customer accounts for those who cannot visit the shop. This will allow you to order goods and settle the account weekly. We can collect a cheque or cash from your doorstep and accept online bank payments.

Don't hesitate to get in touch

We are very aware that many of our residents have been through testing times before and are made of sterner stuff. Please don't let this put you off asking for help when you need it. The volunteers are only too pleased to be able to help. Call **07745 796 118** or email parishhelpline@gmail.com and one of us will call you back. We are here to help you to follow the advice and

Stay at home • Protect our NHS • Save lives

Liaison with our local doctors' surgeries

If you are stuck at home, self-isolating and cannot collect your medication from Bere Regis or Puddletown surgery, the Covid19 support team can help.

- Email your details to parishhelpline@gmail.com or
- Ring the helpline number 07745 796 118 and leave a message asking for medication to be collected along with your contact details.
- We will ring you back or email you, ascertain when the prescription is due to be collected, and it will be delivered to your doorstep by a volunteer.

We know that some people have to have prescribed items picked up from elsewhere such as gluten free items. This can also be undertaken.

Bere Regis Surgery: a message about dispensed medication

If friends or family are collecting for you, medications should be collected from the 'reception window' which is accessed from the rear of the building. The dispensary hatch in the surgery waiting room is now closed.

To help the dispensers cope with the increased demand please don't attempt to have your medication collected early. They are only dispensing one month's medication as usual. If collections need to be signed for, it's helpful if volunteers take their own pen.

Remain aware

Even during these challenging times, there will be some who will try to take advantage of the situation. Dorset Police are urging everyone to continue to be vigilant in regards to cold callers, both on the phone and at the doorstep, as well as fake emails and message offering cures for the virus. The full message from Dorset Police has been added to Briantspuddle website which is worth reading.

More local information for you

Briantspuddle website - www.briantspuddle.info is a valuable source of relevant information at this time. If you are unable to access the site, and would like any information printed or read out to you, call the helpline.

Always use trusted sources of information.