

MINSTEAD eNEWSLETTER 10TH MAY 2020

Despite the restrictions we are all enduring at the moment some things in life still go on and could be called almost normal! Or, if you insist, the 'new normal'! The following are a few bits and pieces that we feel you should all know about or perhaps will appreciate a reminder.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

MINSTEAD VILLAGE

Do remember to check the Parish Council Facebook page for the latest news. Even if you are not a fan of Facebook (like many!) it just requires you to click



to see the latest about home deliveries, NFDC Services, our local police reports and tons more.

There is also a lot of further more detailed information on the Village Community Website

Check out our Website
(click here)

including Minstead's own [Coronavirus Corner](#) where you can find out just about everything there is to know about what is being done and by whom to tackle this unpleasant virus; plus information about who can deliver food, essential supplies and hot meals, local services, Church Services, Parish Council activities and future events we are hoping will take place!

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

In addition, you can read the latest on New Forest District Council services by visiting



and you can sign up to get weekly NFDC updates which are full of useful information by clicking

NFDC WEEKLY UPDATES

LYNDHURST SURGERY

Click [Lyndhurst Surgery May 2020](#) for the latest about seeking help, how to get advice and the arrangements for appointments.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Visit the [Benefice website](#) and the [All Saints website page](#) and follow Together News for the latest news and details about services.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MOBILE PHONE?

A phone has been found which possibly belongs to someone from Minstead. If you think it might be yours please ring 07920 873063 to find out and if so to arrange collection.

WASTE AND RECYCLING

Visit the [NFDC website](#) for the latest.

This is a changing scene but NFDC waste collection teams are working hard to provide a normal service. Please only put out your normal household waste for your weekly collection. If you are using lockdown to have a good old clear out please retain stuff you do not want until things ease and try not to put out any more than you have to!

Until further notice please do not take things to [NFDC Recycling Banks](#) as these will not be cleared for the time being.

The County Council will re-open [HCC Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) from Monday 11th May between 10am and 4pm for those who cannot store their waste safely at home. If you plan to use one please click on that link to read the special measures that have been put in place and be prepared to be patient.

[Garden Waste collections](#) are now up and running and you can now join the scheme through that link.

[NFDC Glass collections](#) on your due date are still continuing.

PLEASE don't put your rubbish bags out on the roadside prior to collection but just inside your gate where they are in view for the refuse collectors to spot but completely out of reach of the ponies/donkeys/cattle etc who may be roaming past. This is to prevent all livestock/wildlife from injury if they eat the bag and its contents.



Please don't let this happen! Thank you for working to keep them safe!

BEAT REPORT

The monthly Beat Report for April can be seen by clicking

[NEW FOREST HEART](#)
[MONTHLY BEAT REPORT](#)
[APRIL 2020](#)

This is well worth a read. It includes information about some rather unpleasant email, text & phone call scams and Doorstep Crime by people taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic but also more cheerful news.

Many thanks go to our New Forest Heart Cops who will be holding On Line Beat Surgeries on 6th and 20th May.

Visit **[New Forest Heart Cops on Facebook](#)** to find out more and join in.

WALKING DOGS

Everyone in the Village will know the importance of keeping dogs under control in the New Forest particularly during the nesting season but some of our visitors may be less enlightened.

There is plenty of advice on the NPA website that we can offer visitors if we think they need it!

Click **[HERE](#)** to find out more

COMMUNITY SHOP UPDATE

There has been excellent progress refurbishing the Community Shop thanks to the hard work of the Committee members and it's beginning to look very smart.



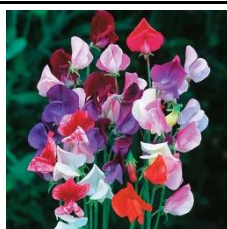
The Committee believes it should be possible to complete fitting out and installing equipment over the next 2 or 3 weeks and you can follow progress on the

[Community Shop Facebook Page](#)

The Committee will be following developments closely and plans to open the Shop on a limited basis for the benefit of the Village to sell essential items towards the end of the month. They will get in touch with everyone again once they have developed appropriate procedures for running the shop safely and usefully!

If you have not yet volunteered but feel you might be able to help in any way do let one of the Committee members know. Click [HERE](#) for details.

FLOWER SHOW 5th SEPTEMBER



Following the last Committee meeting the Society want to communicate to everyone that we are currently still planning to hold the Flower, Fruit & Vegetable Show 2020 Show

on

Saturday 7th September.

We are beginning to come up with a plan on how we can manage & maintain social distancing

And address all Government required working practices and Health & Safety Protocols.

We are looking at the possibility of "live" streaming on the Village webpage
Plus photographing all entries and posting online.
Click [HERE](#) to see a copy of this year's schedule.

All children please note that Seed Potato, Onions and Sunflower Seeds for classes 65, 70 and 71 are still available and can be obtained from Jo Instrall at Little Thatch. Please give her a ring on 07776 012794 so she can leave them by her gate for you to collect.

✨ ✨ NEW for 2020 ✨ ✨

VILLAGE SCARECROW FESTIVAL TRAIL

While we are all confined to our homes, it could be the perfect time to put all your energy into working towards your winning entries!



Brighter days lie ahead, in the meantime, please stay safe & well!