



East Hunsbury Parish Council



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Thank you to our community

In the past few months, we have all found things to be a challenge, our families, our jobs, our schools, our pastimes have all been affected.

Throughout this time, we have been proud to support our East Hunsbury community, and are thankful for the people who have stepped up to help others. It just shows how much community spirit we have. So, in this edition of NN Pulse, we want to celebrate those people:

East Hunsbury Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group



This group started back in March – when we very first started to know that people would need additional help.

A whole team of volunteers have been working for months, to shop for people who are shielding, to collect prescriptions for people who could not access the pharmacy, to put people in touch with other agencies. The group have also worked with us to deliver important community information door to door. Thank you to all the local Covid-19 Volunteers. You have made an amazing difference.

The Help Register



Look out for your Neighbour Support in your Street

saying hello • helping to shop • a friendly smile • just being there

We know that this is a difficult time for many people, but that equally, there are a huge amount of people who are helping each other. Over the coming weeks, a good way to help, is to look to our immediate community. Look out for your neighbour – support your street – is all about talking with our neighbours, do they need help with shopping? Are they unable to get out and about? Can you offer some support – or simply stop and have a chat? The more we help those around us, the better we will all cope with the challenges of the moment. Thank you to everyone who is doing this already – you are making a real difference. And if you feel that you would like to volunteer, you can also register with us, and we can see where we might use your skills: The Help Register – East Hunsbury Volunteers: thehelpregister@hotmail.com or by telephone 01604 708429.



East Hunsbury Stitches

In April, one of our local Seniors Club members got in touch. Pauline Boler asked for local help, for volunteers to make items for the NHS. An amazing response to our project has led to over 40 makers, creating over 3000 items for our NHS at Northampton General Hospital, and for Mereway Ambulance Station Staff and local Emergency Response Units.

We thank every person involved – what a brilliant effort.



Volunteers Week

Our planned celebration in June, for our volunteers, could not go ahead at Hunsbury Library, but we managed to thank our volunteers with cards and special thank-you rocks (created by East Hunsbury Rocks Group).



As part of our work to support local people, we set up the Help Register, where we matched local volunteers with people who needed assistance. From the Phone-Buddy-Crew, who rang our older community members, through to people who shopped for those who could not leave their homes – thank you all. You rose to the challenge.

East Hunsbury Seniors

Whilst we cannot meet for our coffee mornings or trips, we have stayed in touch with our members. Newsletters and Phone-Buddy crew keep us connected, but it does not replace our get togethers.

We are in touch with our local venues and will restart our sessions when it is permissible to do so. In the meantime, Seniors are taking part in online sessions, such as Tai Chi and have taken part in community activities.

Sadly, Covid has curtailed many events...



...and led to the cancellation of this year's Village Fete, but we are continuing online with the East Hunsbury Bake Off, in partnership with East Hunsbury W.I. and with other elements of the day.



Thank You NHS!

One little girl perfectly summed up how we all felt at this time! Ela Mai came to our attention, as she kept making lovely banners. We got in touch with her Dad, and he kindly let us adopt her artwork. The parish council created banners with Ela Ma's image.

And – we came out and clapped! Thank you everyone who joined in!



Future Plans

As we go forward, we will be here to support our local community. Future projects include a Poppy Cascade for Remembrance in November, we are planning a time capsule – with our schools and local organisations, all about 2020, and we will be working with our East Hunsbury W.I. on a lockdown-banner.

The year's plans end with Christmas! Our community Christmas Tree will return – we will celebrate for sure.

Supporting our community - in the meantime, all keep safe

Remember, The Help Register and East Hunsbury Covid-19 Mutual Aid group are here to help. If you wish to get involved, or if you need more information please get in touch:

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Contact: Caroline Holgate, clerk to the council by email: clerk@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01604 708429



As a community however, we did come together to commemorate V.E. day – a huge effort with bunting and social distance street parties! You cannot keep the area down.

Although it is still the case that in-person meetings are unlawful at the present time, the ordinary business of the parish council has continued. In April new regulations were passed to allow Local Authority meetings to take place remotely, and East Hunsbury Parish Council have embraced this new way of working, enabling us to hold an Annual Meeting, meet our deadline for submission of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and continue to develop our community engagement programme.

All of our full council and committee meetings are open to the public, and we would be happy for you to join us at a meeting. If you have ever wondered what goes on at a parish council meeting, now could be the ideal time to find out. You can join a meeting using Zoom and the links and joining information are published on the meeting agenda.

The Parish Office remains closed to the public but our staff are working remotely, and have access to email and phone messages. If you need to get in touch please contact us via one of these methods.

Check out our website for information and copies of all council documents, or to find out what is going on in your local area.

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter – follow us for all the latest news.

