

Background

A number of initiatives are proposed or running. This aim of this email is to outline what is already on offer and to introduce a plan from Simon Lay which can be put in place very quickly should anyone wish to take advantage of it. The different initiatives are:

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Family, Friends and Neighbours. Many of us will be happy to do our own shopping or have family and friends who will, or already are, supporting those of us who feel at risk and will not require any other help. Hopefully, this applies to the majority of us.

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Village Self Help. You will have received a joint communication from the Village Committee and the Parochial Church Council proposing that a Support Network should be set up in the village. To date more than 20 villagers have agreed to support this proposal, which is now being put in place. You should also have received a leaflet through your front door, mentioning this. This initiative is being co-ordinated by Trevor and Monica Cooper. *Contact Trevor Cooper or Monica Cooper*

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Official Government Support. Yesterday the Prime Minister announced a Government initiative to support people at most risk which by definition will include some people in the village. They should receive letters in the next few days with more details.

Details to follow in the next few days

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SUPERMARKET SHOPPING AND PRESCRIPTION PICK UP - ARE YOU INTERESTED? The following plan is from Simon Lay (with the knowledge of the Burpham Village Committee and the Parochial Church Council):

“I am aware that there are a number of people in the village, either because of their age or medical status, who need to self-isolate. As a result of this, and the high demand for supermarket delivery services, some may now be experiencing difficulties getting hold of food and are faced with having to go directly to a supermarket.

As a result Chloe who works at the pub has been approached and asked whether she and possibly some of her other pub colleagues would consider running a weekly supermarket shopping service. In addition we have also asked whether they would collect prescriptions on a weekly basis. The good news is that Chloe has agreed to do so and will also discuss this with others.

I therefore need to establish whether there is an appetite for this shopping service and the prescription collection service.

The cost for this service is yet to be established. It will be affected by the numbers that take part and to be clear it is highly likely this service will cost more than the rates charged by the supermarkets. Once we have an idea of the number of people who would like to use this service we will establish a transparent charging structure so that the system remains sustainable throughout the outbreak. It is only at this point that you will need to commit to the use of this service.

It is our intention to launch this service later this week. Therefore please can you let me know by 5 o'clock Tuesday evening if you are interested in knowing more about this service. This will give us a good idea of what is required. At this stage you won't be committing.

By the way, there will still be the need for volunteers for all sorts of things. This is simply one way of dealing with the big routine shop.

Finally I would like to thank Chloe for agreeing to do this. It will be undertaken in her own time so it is very kind of her to agree to it.

You can contact me on simon@emgroupuk.com or 366439”

Please think about what might be best for you.

You will not be locked into any one scheme, and if you wish to change between them that should be easy to do.

If you are not part of the Government Initiative and are not already covered by Friends or Family, please don't delay in contacting either Trevor or Simon if you need to take advantage of the schemes on offer so they can arrange the necessary resources.

Keep Safe, Good Luck

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