



Community Support Group Volunteer Update: 26 April 2020

1	<p>Can you help? Kingsbridge Food Bank is urgently looking for volunteers to help them deliver food across the area. If you can spare the time, have a car and aren't in self-isolation then could you e-mail info@kingsbridgefoodbank.org.uk, adding FAO Laura: I'd like to volunteer to your Subject Header. Your e-mail will then be passed straight to Laura for action. If you're happy to share your interest in volunteering for the Kingsbridge Food Bank with the CSG, please cc slaptoncsg@gmail.com and we'll note that you're on call for food parcel deliveries.</p>
2	<p>Limiting non-essential journeys</p> <p>Shop Local To try and limit virus spread, the village shop is working closely with Stokeley Farm Shop to streamline deliveries. Rather than requesting two different deliveries, customers are being encouraged to order Stokeley items either at the village shop or by emailing Tracie Lange at tracie.lange@yahoo.com. Tracie will then liaise directly with Stokeleys and the goods can be collected from the shop in person or delivered by the shop team. There is no charge for this delivery service.</p> <p>Coordinating Supermarket Deliveries We appreciate that some supermarket trips are unavoidable but wherever possible, we're encouraging everyone to ask their neighbours whether they can collect and deliver anything on their behalf. This is clearly based on trust when it comes to payment (online repayment based on a till receipt is the common method) but it seems to be working across the village.</p>
3	<p>Devon County Council Coronavirus Email Update We recommend signing up for this as it gives real-time information on all regional activity. Go to https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/ to find out more.</p>
4	<p>Second Homes & Holiday Homes To alleviate worry particularly across the vulnerable, the CSG will be dropping a letter into all unoccupied houses (second homes, holiday homes, other) w/c 27 April 2020 encouraging all future occupants to make contact by phone or email when they arrive. As we know that many empty properties have been offered to frontline and key staff, we want to ensure that everyone feels welcome and is aware of the support available but also complies with government guidelines.</p>
5	<p>Slapton Community Support Group Facebook Page The new Facebook page is the easiest way for us to actively update parishioners on government updates and CSG activity. If you haven't already, could you help us by following the page and encouraging all neighbours, relatives and friends to do the same? To manage the page effectively with limited resources, we've restricted the content to static updates only but if there are any queries, please do encourage your contacts to raise them with us directly through slaptoncsg@gmail.com.</p>

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6	Village Fundraising If you'd like to personally fundraise for either Kingsbridge or Dartmouth Food Banks, please email slaptoncsg@gmail.com for advice and guidance. Both charities are inundated with requests for support during this crisis so would welcome the opportunity to secure future funding and create greater engagement with local communities.
7	Scrub Hubs As you may be aware, there are several hubs in existence across the area making up scrubs and draw-string bags to help the NHS. If you're interested in getting involved or in donating funds towards fabric, please contact our local group at sylvegrant@icloud.com for more information.
8	Your Ideas Is there anything else that you feel we should be doing and that you can personally help us deliver successfully? Whilst we operate as part of the Parish Council and have to comply with government guidelines, we're open to feedback. Where we can extend our services within the existing framework (and have the manpower available), we'll do our best to help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT

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