

Community Support Group Volunteer Update: 17 May 2020

1	<p>New Government Guidelines</p> <p>The parish website www.slaptonparish.co.uk has all the links you need for up-to-date and factual advice. As a swift reference point, go to https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do</p> <p>Non-CSG Queries</p> <p>The CSG was formed to provide support for the vulnerable across Slapton Parish. However we do understand that parishioners may want to discuss issues that are outside our immediate remit particularly when it comes to the impact of lockdown changes on our community. Julie Hinder, Chair of the Parish Council, is always happy to discuss any non-CSG query that affects the wider village. To get in touch, just email slaptonclerk@gmail.com.</p>
2	<p>Face Coverings</p> <p>For information on making your own face covering, go to https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering. The site includes three patterns, one removing the need for sewing entirely (repurposing of a t-shirt), the other two reliant on a little sewing. If you'd like a copy of the Loddiswell Face Mask pattern (as tested by the Village Shop team), please contact chris.jane.hunt@gmail.com. If you'd like to watch the lovely Patrick Grant from the Great British Sewing Bee make a simple face covering (well, who wouldn't?!) then go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJEDtTBAdfU.</p>
3	<p>Scrub Hubs</p> <p>Our local Scrub Hub has produced 18 complete sets of scrubs so far, with another 9 sets underway, all including bags. Their first delivery to Modbury Surgery was made last Thursday, with Salcombe, Dartmouth, Chillington and Kingsbridge following next week. The hub consists of Sylvia Grant, Angela and James Curtis and other amazing sewers from SLAGS (Scrubbie Slags as they're now known), all giving up their time to make scrubs (tops, trousers and bags) funded by the plant stall in Church Lane. Next on the agenda is a scrub cap with a button to alleviate ear pain. If you'd like to get involved in any way, email sylvegrant@icloud.com.</p> 
4	<p>Repeat Prescription Collections</p> <p>The CSG are extending their Repeat Prescription delivery service to include everyone under 70, not just those in self-isolation. The new service is being offered to limit the number of non-essential journeys in and out of the village and will include both Chillington and Dartmouth surgeries (the latter via Boots and Lloyds Pharmacy). To take advantage of this free service, go to www.slaptonparish.co.uk, download and complete the Repeat Prescription Collection Form and then email it to slaptoncsg@gmail.com.</p> <p>NB any payments for prescriptions must be made directly with the surgery/pharmacy before returning the form.</p>

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Village Hall Food Collection Point
 Thanks to everyone's generosity, we've been able to donate 256 items of food and £10 cash (as of 15/5/20) to Kingsbridge and Dartmouth Food Banks. The **collection point is open during Post Office opening times (Monday 1-3pm, Thursday 10-12pm)** and it's on the right as you enter the main doors. If you have anything you can spare, please drop it in. If you'd like us to collect, just email the CSG and we'll pick up on either a Monday or Thursday.

For those needing to access food parcels:

- Kingsbridge Food Bank operates a 24 hour helpline, with the food parcel being delivered the same day or next day (if the call is out-of-hours).
- Dartmouth Food Bank has emergency supplies in place at the Guild Hall in Dartmouth (on Victoria Road) available for collection every day from 9.30am-2pm.

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Village Archive Project - Your village needs YOU



The Parish Council has given us permission to scope out a project to document this unprecedented time through a village-wide creative project, led initially by James Curtis and Sue Gorman. Ultimately we'd like to create Slapton's own version of the Bayeux Tapestry, made up of submissions from every household in the parish and printed on to fabric for display; in essence an everlasting memory for future generations. Along the way, we intend to use children's artwork on tea towels which will be sold to benefit the proposed Slapton charity (see item 13). However before we can proceed in earnest, we need to assess the number of potential submissions and create more detailed costings. We can then decide whether to fundraise to supplement any potential PC contribution. We'll be dropping a letter into all households over the next week and we'd welcome your support in encouraging everyone to complete and return the questionnaire.

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Kids Art Exhibition - Village Hall
 Some wonderful entries have been received so far and all are on display in the Village Hall. We're extending the deadline until 18 May and will be contacting all entrants to see whether they'd be happy for us to include their submissions as part of the Village Archive project. Our sincere thanks to all the creative youngsters across the parish.



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8	<p>CSG Stats</p> <p>Attached is an overview of the work carried out so far by our volunteers across the group. These stats feed into Devon County Council via the South Hams CVS and help create a more detailed view of regional activity by village. Thanks to the vigilance and community spirit of all our parishioners, we've managed to keep our part of the South Hams safe so far and we'll continue to do all we can to provide support.</p>
9	<p>CSG Email Update - Wider Circulation</p> <p>Ideally we'd like all parishioners to receive a copy of this update so they're aware of what support is available. Could you help us spread the word by encouraging your neighbours to sign up for the updates by emailing slaptoncsg@gmail.com or, if your neighbours aren't online but would like to receive an update, could you print off and deliver a hard copy? NB signing up for the email doesn't mean an agreement to volunteer as we appreciate that not everyone has time to spare now the guidelines have changed. Opt-out is easy - just email Unsubscribe to the CSG and details will be removed within 2 working days of receipt.</p>
10	<p>Your Availability as a Volunteer - May/June</p> <p>Now the guidelines have changed and some parishioners are back to work, please let us know if you need to step down from back-up support as a CSG volunteer or can perhaps help to a greater degree. Although we haven't had to mobilise the full volunteer force of c70, it's been tremendously reassuring to know you're available to help if the situation escalates. If you need to make any changes to the information we have, email slaptoncsg@gmail.com and we'll update or remove your record.</p>
11	<p>Slapton Litter Picking Day - Saturday 23 May 2020 - 10-12pm</p> <p>We'd like to invite you to join us (within social distancing guidelines) on Saturday, 23 May to carry out parish-wide litter collection. Grab a plastic bag, put on some gardening gloves, pick up any small litter you find during your daily exercise and dispose of it with your domestic refuse if at all possible. If you find anything you can't collect (for example, fly tipped larger scale rubbish) then go online and report it at https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit. Although we can't meet as a group, we can certainly encourage each other en-route across the 2m divide.</p>
12	<p>Totnes & South Devon Tourism Survey - Have Your Say</p> <p>If you'd like to be part of a wider regional survey on tourism in 2020 then go to https://www.anthonymangnall.co.uk/campaigns/totnes-and-south-devon-tourism-survey</p>
13	<p>CSG Charity</p> <p>As a result of requests to consider a village-wide hardship fund, we're looking into establishing a charity linked to the Community Support Group for longer-term activity once this emergency period is over. If you'd like to be involved (or have relevant experience) then we'd love to hear from you.</p>

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

