

Limpley Stoke

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Community spirit at its best

Most of you will have seen the LiFERAFT circulars sent out from me and other local sources over the past week or so but, for those who haven't, some updates are repeated here.

We all need to support one another in these unprecedented times. To this end, FLiSCA, in conjunction with Freshford and Limpley Stoke Parish Councils and groups from the two parishes, have formed **LiFERAFT**, an organisation set up to support people at risk and in need of assistance in our communities. A network of volunteers is on hand to help keep you safe, and a range of services made available, from the home delivery of prescription medicines and food, to counselling support and advice. Whatever help you need, LiFERAFT is committed to finding support for you.

Zone co-ordinators

Freshford and Limpley Stoke have been divided into zones, each with a co-ordinator whose role it is to identify people at risk and who need assistance. Find your LS co-ordinator here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12BL4ZQquhMzVvSmecTyTYNz8ks9jK5Tp/view?usp=sharing>.

Latest information

The attached Google link will take you directly to the latest LiFERAFT information sheet, which will be updated with up-to-the-minute news (*daily updates in red*): https://docs.google.com/document/d/14KDE6VKuzOB0jtoQtseZUnQPZ9R_MSW-dXAC82_QlGA/edit?usp=sharing.

Galleries

The shop is prioritising people in our community who really need help right now (unless you have no other way of getting supplies) and would prefer email orders: orders@galleriesshop.co.uk (please include a phone number), or call 01225 800207.

The Galleries' situation changes by the day, as the shop tries to keep up with demand, so **please check LiFERAFT updates**.

For now, the Galleries has also made the decision to amend its opening times:
Monday – Friday 13.00 – 18.00;
Saturday 09.30 – 12.30;
Sunday CLOSED.

The post office will not be operating for the foreseeable future.

Prescriptions

Beckington Surgery will dispense prescriptions outside the Galleries on Tuesdays and Fridays. Free pick-up and delivery service provided by Link. To use this, email Tim Tuckey at tim.tuckey@me.com / text 07595 771178. Deadline for pick-up service is 4pm the night before you need your medicines collected.

Communications

Website: regular updates can be found on www.limpleystoke.org where you can also sign-up for a weekly e-newsletter.
WhatsApp: to join the community group, contact Elayne Richards on 07900 731473 / email: misselayneous@outlook.com.

Financial support

If you need financial support, contact Lee Newlyn at fliscamail@gmail.com.

Any questions or concerns?

Contact Simon Coombe on simonhjcoombe@hotmail.com / 07966 027637.

Keep calm, carry on and stay safe, everyone.

New officer on the beat

PC Louis Bowden is the new neighbourhood officer for Bradford on Avon, with responsibility for policing the town and outlying villages, including Limpley Stoke, Westwood and Winsley, as well as the canal network from Dundas to Staverton. The current policing priorities of PC Bowden and his colleagues are youth engagement, rural crime, and canal thefts and public reassurance.



PC Bowden has been policing throughout the county for 16 years, primarily in a 999 response capacity. He is based at the police station at Bradford on Avon's Station Approach, along with his neighbourhood team colleagues, Andrew MacLachlan and Maria Badder, experienced police community support officers with a wealth of local knowledge, who have been policing the Bradford on Avon area for many years. Contact PC Bowden on 07471 029 047 or email him at louis.bowden@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Transport Link

An article by Hugh Delap, Chairman, Limpley Stoke & Freshford Transport Link

A few weeks ago the editor [of the *Freshford Bulletin*] asked me to write an article about Link, which I did. This is not it. Since then everyone's world has been turned upside down. All the regular destinations to which we have been taking our passengers – day centres, coffee mornings, etc – have been closed. And we don't think it fair or right that our drivers and passengers should be travelling together in a car to whatever other destination they might have gone.

So, is there a service we could provide? We have circulated our corps of wonderful volunteer drivers, asking if any would be prepared to collect shopping orders from the Galleries shop and deliver them to customers' doorsteps. We are delighted that this has met with a favourable response. We are also organising the collection of medical prescriptions from the Beckington dispensary and distributing them, again to the patient's doorstep.

Would you like to join this team in this time of emergency and, perhaps, stay with us when everything has returned to normal? If the idea appeals or you would like to learn more, give us a call on 07714 169216, or get in touch with me on 07973 413474.

Canal Trust restricts towpath use

The Canal and River Trust, which manages the Kennet & Avon Canal, has issued the following message regarding the use of towpaths:



“Whilst our canals and rivers remain open, in an effort to keep everyone safe, **use of them should now be limited.**”

“If our waterways are local to you, and you use the towpath for your daily exercise or journey to undertake essential work, we are now urging you to please **avoid any stretches with boats moored against the towpath**, and strictly observe social distancing at all times, always following the latest advice from the Government.”

The Trust will continue to update its [website page](#) with the latest information as the situation evolves.

Food bank needs your donations

The Hub food bank in Bradford on Avon is always grateful for vital donations, which can be deposited at Sainsbury's in the town. The food bank is particularly in need of UHT milk, tinned vegetables (especially peas and carrots), tinned rice pudding, and pasta sauce/tinned tomatoes.



Events and meetings cancelled

Freshford & District Local History and Horticultural Societies have taken the decision to cancel meetings in April and May. Organisers are hoping the summer plants sale and horticultural outings will go ahead and, if so, will advertise the events. Limpley Stoke's spring programme of village events has also been postponed for the foreseeable future.

Libraries close their doors

All libraries in Wiltshire have now closed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. The mobile library service, including the Midford Lane stop, has also been suspended for the time being. If you have borrowed books from Wiltshire libraries, they will be renewed automatically throughout the closure period to avoid any potential fines.



Taking their daily exercise. These delightful spring lambs are a reminder that, despite difficult times, Mother nature carries on as normal.

(Photo: courtesy of Penny Jones)

WASTE COLLECTIONS

Household waste

Monday, April 6
Monday, April 20



Blue-lidded bin

Black box

Green waste

(chargeable)

Wednesday, April 8
Wednesday, April 22



Useful numbers

Transport Link 07714 16 92 16

Power supply emergency 105

Police (non-emergency) 101

Bradford on Avon Police:

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0752 897 2236

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MyWiltshire app: potholes, road issues, blocked drains, grit bins

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/

[mywiltshire-online-reporting](#) or phone 0300 456 0105



Mobile library monthly visit:
CANCELLED until further notice

Website: www.limpleystoke.org

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