

Askerswell Parish Meeting



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by John Mahoney
Chair of the Parish Meeting

We are together. You are not alone.

This is a special newsletter about getting and giving help and information during the Covid-19 emergency.

New Askerswell Post will be a new village email list for news or urgent alerts or in case the ECV cannot be distributed for a while. Email your name and email address to askerswell.post@gmail.com if you'd like to join the list.

Askerswell Good Neighbour Scheme Askerswell volunteers help others in Askerswell, for example with transport to an appointment, shopping, practical help in the home or simply having a phone chat. These coordinators will find someone who can help: Gill Evans 485225 gill@gillevans.plus.com, Liz Guard 485463 lizguard@ymail.com, Kathy Hince 485626 hincekathy@gmail.com. They will also be pleased to have offers to contribute help.

#ViralKindness is an idea of Cornish woman Becky Wass who has designed the postcard below. Many of us already know our neighbours well but there are two cards at the bottom of this page to cut out and use if you wish.

Health Information Use 111.nhs.uk if possible. Only phone 111 if you can't go online. If you are unwell do not go to a pharmacy, health centre or hospital unless told to do so. Phone your pharmacy if you need prescription deliveries.

You can get advice about your or someone else's symptoms with the online checker at 111.nhs.uk, available 24/7. Input the symptoms and you will be swiftly guided to appropriate next steps. In a medical emergency such as severe chest pain or a life-threatening inability to breathe, call 999.

Bridport Medical Centre, West Allington, Bridport, DT6 5BN, 01308 421 896 www.bridportmedicalcentre.co.uk.
Bridport Community Hospital Minor Injuries Unit Hospital Lane, Bridport, DT6 5DR, 01308 426 245
Dorset County Hospital, Williams Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2JY 01305 251 150; A&E direct line 01305 255 541

Dorset Council www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk 01305 221 000. The website includes Covid-19 advice and links.

Member of Parliament Chris Loder MP 01308 488 055 chris.loder.mp@parliament.uk www.chrisloder.co.uk

Local News and Information Askerswell information & Bridport delivery contacts at www.askerswellparish.org.
BBC Radio Solent for Dorset on Freeview channel 726 and on the internet with iPlayer and BBC Sounds.
Bridport www.bridportnews.co.uk Dorset www.dorsetecho.co.uk Wessex FM on 96.00 FM & www.wessexfm.com.
Send our village ECV correspondent Antony Wilsdon your thoughts and experiences: email wilsdon@tiscali.co.uk.

The Village Hall is closed until further notice; all events postponed or cancelled. Watch the website & notice board for updates. Mowing volunteers will be contacted soon, when ongoing external work ends. Cleaning is suspended. Please volunteer to Jessamy (01308 485 780) to help clean before re-opening, date presently unknown.

Askerswell Parish Church will be open during the day when legally permitted and safe, for private prayer or reflection. Everyone is welcome to go in. All public worship services are suspended everywhere until further notice.

The Spyway Inn hopes to remain open for takeaway service and deliveries Tuesday to Sunday. 01308 485 250. To avoid waiting you can order in advance before 11am (lunch), before 5pm (evening). Menu at thespywayinn.com.

Parish Meeting We will try to obey the legal requirement to meet before 1 June but it be a very short meeting of the three officers. Although meetings must be open to all, we undertake not to take any significant decisions: nobody else will need to attend. Normal reports will be on the website at end of April, email us any questions.

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Holders	Deputy Chair	askerswelldepchair@gmail.com	Frank Hemmings	01308 485 456

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

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