

ELLESMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Coronavirus Ellesmere Mayor's statement

During my year as Mayor one of my main objectives has been to try to build on with the amazing sense of pride and community we feel for our little town. This is the very reason we moved to Ellesmere 18 years ago.

I didn't envisage that this sense of community spirit would be in demand in a scenario like the one we now find ourselves in. It has become clear that we are now facing a fast-developing situation in our response to Covid-19. Undoubtedly this will test each one of us in new and unprecedented ways. With many frightened people out there. But we know that the qualities that define Ellesmere – our sense of pride, togetherness and cooperation – can be relied upon.

In essence, our over-arching response to Covid-19 will be underpinned by our need to be kind to everyone. We know our wonderful communities are already organising volunteer responses, whether it is checking on vulnerable neighbours or offering calm reassurance to friends and loved ones, we can all play a part.

So, what does this all mean in practice?

The Town council has taken the lead on a "Covid 19 Community Support Group". This has been formed to help the local community during the time of the coronavirus pandemic. Ellesmere Town Council community and faith groups and local volunteers have come together to provide help where it's needed.

The Town Hall and it's hard working staff are coordinating this by registering volunteers and people who need help. They can be contacted during working hours by Phone 01691 596290 & 01691 622689. Or by the specially set up email ellesmerecovid19sq@yahoo.com or the Website www.ellesmerecovidsupportgroups.org.uk

Please contact the Town Hall If you are self-isolating due to symptoms or are high risk (elderly, pre-existing medical condition or a carer etc) then we can help support you through our network of volunteers.

- Deliveries of food and essential items brought to your doorstep
- Deliveries of prescriptions
- Calling/video calling to check in.

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What has been achieved in the last few days has proved to me that we are a town that pulls together when required, I have no doubt that we will all rise to the challenge.

Finally, I would urge everyone to take heed of the Prime Ministers advice to keep away from public areas as much as possible, and if you have to go to the shops etc. keep to the recommended advice on social distancing and Hand Washing. I would advise you to read the Government guidance by clicking this link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The sooner we do this the sooner we can get back to some normality. Remember by ignoring this advice you can inadvertently Kill someone.

Although the Town Hall is closed to the public, the staff will still be at work manning the phones and managing the many services we provide.

Please stay safe
Paul Goulbourne
21/03/2020

