



MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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COVID-19 – HERE TO HELP

In the last 2 weeks, more than 200 local people have stepped forward answering the Town Council's call for community volunteers to help our elderly and vulnerable as Marlborough comes together to protect its residents and beat Coronavirus.

The town has been split into 16 different zones, each with a lead coordinator working with other volunteers to cover their neighbourhoods. All were issued with information packs including guidance on social distancing, washing hands, etc. as well as latex gloves and hand sanitizer before setting out to deliver special contact cards to every household. These now familiar cards give the name and contact details of a volunteer offering help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, walking dogs or just being available at the end of a phone.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you are self-isolating due to COVID 19 please don't worry, we can help

My NAME IS

WHAT DO YOU NEED HELP WITH?

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Collection of prescription/medicines
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog needs a walk/vet trip

PLEASE CALL/TEXT ME ON

AND I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU (FOR FREE)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you do not share it.
Avoid physical contact (2m or 6ft distance). Wash your hands regularly.
Items should be left on your doorstep.

If you are unsure about anything please call
Marlborough Town Council during office hours on
01672 512487 or email enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov.uk

The Town Council, which has also set up a small emergency fund to help those in most need, is the central coordinating point. It's fielding enquiries from those needing help locally, from others living far away and worried about elderly relatives as well as handling questions from more volunteers coming forward. There's liaison with the surgery, pharmacists, supermarkets, social services and care homes too, all working together to meet some inevitable challenges.

The situation has changed dramatically over the last 2 weeks and the Town Council and its volunteers may also be involved with the national scheme to shield the most vulnerable, high risk groups in our community. Already, parcels are being delivered to Wiltshire for onward distribution around the county and we will be ready to help out with this too.

Town Mayor, Councillor Mervyn Hall said: "We are very, very grateful to all those volunteers, including Councillors, who have come forward to help. It's not just the Town Council, there are many local groups all working to protect our communities – LINK, Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group, Manton Residents Association and more. We are thankful too for generous contributions put forward to help make sure that our most vulnerable are looked after."

If anyone has not received a contact card or lost it or would like to join our band of volunteers, please contact our Assistant Town Clerk, Clare Harris (preferably by email) at charris@marlborough-tc.gov.uk or otherwise by phone at 01672 512487

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