



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Member

As you may by now be aware, the publication of the Village Magazine has been suspended until further notice. The WVA will continue to operate and we will continue to publish information and newsletters on our website [www.westcottvillage.com](http://www.westcottvillage.com) . Please let people know that this is happening.

### Speeding and Noise Campaign



Thank you to the 280 odd residents who completed the Speeding and Noise survey. The results are interesting and in brief

1. Around 40 people agreed to be part of a Neighbourhood Speed Watch team
2. All agreed speeding through the village – especially between School Lane and Parsonage Lane – was an issue, but with significant concerns about the eastern and western edges of the village.
3. Your top 4 changes needed to address the problem

were

- Vehicle activated signs showing ACTUAL speed
  - Pedestrian islands to restrict road width
  - Extending the 30mph limit on either side of the village
  - Greater Police presence with radar guns
4. 50% of those responding were willing to make a financial contribution to matching funds to make some of this happen. We are looking at how we can start the process of raising funds and what specific items the money could be used for.

### Good Neighbour

I am pleased to report that we had a fantastic response to our Good Neighbour initiative with around 70 people stepping forward to volunteer to help in various ways. Attached is information which has been shared with them, but please circulate this list to friends and family in the area – especially those who are not WVA members or do not have internet access.



Please continue to keep an eye on your neighbours, particularly those who are of the older generation or you know to have underlying health conditions. The current situation cannot last for ever and one of the only good things to come out of it will be that as a community we are so much stronger.

### Meeting dates

Please note:

The next Open Meeting is due to take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – St John's Community Centre (Hall). We will let you know whether this meeting will go ahead nearer the time depending on the Government's advice about public meetings.

### Bonfires

With all this time on our hands and the fine weather, many of us will be out in the garden. Please have some consideration for your close neighbours by not having a bonfire this Easter weekend. Burning waste produces smoke that contains pollutants that can have damaging health effects and cause a nuisance. If you find yourself being regularly affected by smoke from a neighbours' property, you can [report nuisance bonfires here](#) or by calling MVDC on 01306 885001 during our normal office hours.

### And finally...

Around this time of year we start our preparations for the annual collection of **membership subscriptions** and our Street Stewards start to knock on doors to ask people to join and/or pay their £10 (minimum) household subscription.

That will not happen this year for obvious reasons and the risk is that our income will drop considerably – particularly when you add the loss of income from WestFest which in previous years has added around £800 to our income. It is fascinating to watch the impact of this Corona Virus crisis on things we have done for years – for instance a completely new way of getting access to your GP – and how quickly things can change. We used to call it “the burning platform syndrome” in the commercial world when there was little option other than to make radical changes. Banking I suspect will be one of the things to change again with less and less cash being used in our daily financial dealings.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE take some time to set up an online standing order with your bank and/or amend your **Membership subscription** standing order to the new Bank Account.

Account Name: Westcott Village Association

Sort Code: 82-11-07

Account Number: 20072790

You can also go on line to [www.westcottvillage.com](http://www.westcottvillage.com) and click on the Pay/Renew button. You can pay with any debit card – you don't have to have a PayPal account to do this.

Please do it now while it is in your mind!!! The annual subscription is £10 per household, but if you would like to pay a little more, and can afford it, this is always welcome, and all the money is put towards projects which benefit the village.

As always, you are invited to write to me on issues which concern you, and the WVA will do their best to address them.

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## **Useful information on Food and other services:**

Below is some useful information, and contact numbers which you may find of help in supporting your family and neighbours (they are valid at the time of going out but things change). Thank you to Sally Hewetson for compiling this list.

### **Food**

**Waitrose** is open 8.00 to 19.00 each day except Sunday when it is 10.00 to 16.00. The first hour of trade is open to the elderly and vulnerable. Volunteers are not included in this group however they are limiting the number of shoppers in the store to 60 people at the time allowing to keep a safe distance apart and stock whilst not at normal levels it is starting to be replenished. Waitrose is aware that the lack of delivery slots is causing people concern and they are trying to expand this offer particularly to the vulnerable in the community. No details available currently.

**Sainsburys** have introduced a Smart Shop App (see Sainsbury's SmartShop) so shoppers can scan their own food and have limited contact with staff and scanners whilst in the shop. They too are limiting shoppers in the store at any one time. The opening hours are 8.00 to 20.00 with Sunday hours 10.00 to 16.00. In addition Monday, Wednesday and Friday NHS and social workers, the elderly and the vulnerable only are allowed to shop from 8.00 to 9.00. Sainsburys are contacting many vulnerable and elderly people using the Nectar card database to offer delivery slots. If you have not been contacted this link may help <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable> to register as someone who is vulnerable, you are also able to apply on someone else's behalf. You are also able to call your GP and register as vulnerable.

**Lidl** opening hours are 8.00 to 20.00 and 10.00 to 16.00 on Sundays. It's not clear that they have a vulnerable priority time slot.

**Marks and Spencer's** opening times are 8.30 to 19.00 midweek, 8.00 to 19.00 Saturdays and 10.00 to 16.00 on Sundays. They are also offering quieter times for certain groups - elderly and vulnerable first hour of opening on Monday and Thursday and NHS and Emergency Workers on Tuesday and Friday.

**Abinger Farm Shop** are offering a delivery service but you have to be self-isolating or vulnerable. Email them on [info@kingfisherfarmshop.com](mailto:info@kingfisherfarmshop.com) listing what you want. If you need to discuss anything the telephone number is 01306 730 703. The delivery time from submission of order is at least a couple of days not clear but is so make your order before you need the food.

Alternatively the shop is open for normal drop in business. You can pay over the phone to avoid handling cash.

**Dorking Butcher's** –These chaps are delivering in the village – fill in their order form that is on their web site. Telephone is 01306 640519 but generally they don't answer as they are so busy.. Web site is <https://thedorkingbutchery.co.uk> They take payment over the phone and deliver on Tuesday,Thursday and Saturday.

**Dorking Deli** – are offering a produce box for £20. They will take cash payment but please put it in an envelope. The exact contents can vary but essentially milk, bread, vegetables. You can add coffee, cheese and honey on request. Will deliver in the village on Tuesday and Friday – email orders on [louise@thedorkingdeli.co.uk](mailto:louise@thedorkingdeli.co.uk) or call to discuss 01306 743 203.

**Allplants** - On-line vegetarian and plant based food ordering  
[www.allplants.com](http://www.allplants.com)

**Dorking Area Food Bank** 07494 226743 : email  
[info@dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk)

## **Meals**

**Cook** in St Martin's Walk if you have space in your freezer have good quality frozen homemade meals and desserts. They also offer free delivery for orders over £40 and a click and collect service. Opening hours are 9.30 to 4.30 with Sunday 10.30 to 3.00.

**Kingham's, Shere** For those in the mood to spoil yourself during these trying times Kinghams is offering a takeaway service. They issue a daily menu £20 for three courses and £15 for two courses. Pre orders are placed during certain times and you pick the food up from the car park. Telephone 01483 202168 for further information

**Phoenix Frozen Foods** is a company from the south coast that will deliver with a minimum spend of £15. Their web site is [phoenixfrozenfoods.co.uk](http://phoenixfrozenfoods.co.uk) or telephone 01903 215 170. The web site looks professional and the offer is very broad.

**Wiltshire Farm Foods** is an established national frozen meal service. Their web site is <https://www.wiltshirefarmfoods.com> . They are taking orders from new customers and will prioritise those classified as vulnerable. The telephone number is **01737 823366** Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm. They deliver on a Thursday to Westcott and the minimum charge is £19.95.

**Surrey Hills Wood Fired Pizza** is in Westcott 5-8.15 on Wednesdays (or 5-8.15pm Abinger Hammer on Fridays) text or call Will on 07378 777483 with your order and he'll send you a link to pay. Full menu and timings on website: [surreyhillswoodfiredpizza.co.uk](http://surreyhillswoodfiredpizza.co.uk)

(My understanding is the fish and chip van is no longer operating during this time and will resume normal service when things get back to normal.)

**Cote Brasserie** is offering a delivery service <https://coteathome.co.uk> of meals for two ready to be frozen. The price varies from £11:00 to £14:00. Or telephone 020 3900 1287 between 9am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

**Too Many Cooks** are also offering a frozen delivery service although they prefer you to pick up from their Brockham kitchen. They are offering fixed menu boxes or you can pick and mix from a limited menu. The link is [https://mcusercontent.com/c70af781e4c383693adabc6f1/files/c0f54cb8-bfc3-485a-b549-8b839eafcafa/Frozen\\_Meals\\_Menu.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/c70af781e4c383693adabc6f1/files/c0f54cb8-bfc3-485a-b549-8b839eafcafa/Frozen_Meals_Menu.pdf) . Email orders to [office@twomanycooks.com](mailto:office@twomanycooks.com) . They have not asked for phone orders but worth a try on 01737 841624.

**The Prince of Wales, Westcott** is offering a take away service. I don't have any information on this but call Rob for further information on 01306 889 699.

**Dominos Pizza**. If all else fails Dominos are still delivering but only taking on line orders on <https://www.dominos.co.uk/dorking> .

**Presto Hot Meals** 01323 643726

**Surrey Hills Cafe** (meals after 2pm) 07861 268749

**Village Greens** (Denbies based vegetable supplies)  
[www.vgfarmshop.com](http://www.vgfarmshop.com)

## Longer-term Help and Support

**Age UK – Surrey** (range of support services) 01483 503414 /  
[enquiries@ageuksurrey.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageuksurrey.org.uk)

**SHOUT** (a nationwide support for anyone in crisis) [www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org) or  
TEXT SHOUT to 85258

**Silver Line Service** (any age related problems) 0800 4708090  
(operates 24/7/365)

If you find other suppliers or providers of help please let us know at  
[contact@westcottvillage.com](mailto:contact@westcottvillage.com).