Longhoughton Parish Council Community Information

COVID-19 Volunteer Group Activities

Need any help or Support?

- Longhoughton Parish COVID-19 Volunteer Group was established 14 March 2020.
- This is a joint partnership with Longhoughton Parish Council (LPC) and Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust (LCSCT).
- Ellie Phillips (Chair of LPC and LCSCT) is the volunteer group co-ordinator.
- 25 volunteers have joined the group, some of whom are already LCSCT volunteers.
- All volunteers can be identified by their ID card on an emerald green lanyard – photo identification is also carried.
- Referrals can be sent to enquiries@longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org tel: 01665 572315 or 07843 380 886.
- A WhatsApp group for volunteers has been established which works extremely efficiently when allocating jobs to volunteers. A group email is used for key messages and sharing county-wide information.
- Volunteers pick up and deliver prescriptions (for those who are self-isolating or in a vulnerable group) from the 2 pharmacies in Alnwick daily on request and Longhoughton surgery weekly (Longhoughton surgery closed temporarily 27/3/20 – prescriptions are now made up at Embleton and brought to Longhoughton each Friday).
- Dog-walking is a service also offered to those in isolation/vulnerable groups but has not been undertaken as yet, due to no requests from residents.
- COVID-19 information is shared on both the Parish Council and LCSCT Facebook pages plus the Parish Council website. The Spring bi-monthly Community newsletter also has key information – this is distributed or emailed to households in Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick – if you do not receive one, just call the referral number above.
- Volunteers deliver shopping for those who are self-isolating or more vulnerable from the village Coop each day and when necessary, shop further afield for residents.
- Longhoughton Coop takes food orders by phone each day 01665 577025.
- Company B Café in Longhoughton are providing a takeaway service with free delivery and can be contacted on 07539 774 844 to place orders.
- Longhoughton foodbank is situated in Company “B” café which is open 6 days a week.
- Telephone befriending is offered and has been welcomed by a small number of residents.
- Canon Ian Knox is offering telephone prayers and a friendly chat – call 01665 572939/07855 323 987.
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The parish community is widely aware of the services provided by the group due to the publicity around the villages when the group was formed on 14 March. We have been able to identify a greater number of vulnerable people in the last two weeks than has been known previously, particularly those older people living alone with little or no support.

The group has excellent links with Longhoughton Coop, Northumbria Police, local churches, RAF community, Longhoughton café/takeaway, NCC, Alnwick Medical Group, Alnwick Town Council and county-wide networks.

Rainbow drawings from the children and quilted rainbows from the local crafters have recently festooned the Longhoughton Coop window to cheer us all up!