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## Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

### April 2020

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### Covid-19 Updates

There is now a very well-established support network in operation throughout the county, initiated and cascaded through the UK Government, Cambridgeshire County Council through to South Cambridgeshire District Council. In Bourn the Parish Council is coordinating and supporting a group of

might involve picking up prescriptions, collecting shopping, posting mail or just providing support and a friendly voice. If you, or someone you know, needs support, contact Vanda on [bourncag19@gmail.com](mailto:bourncag19@gmail.com) or **07727 462523**.



See the village website for updates on the coronavirus situation - <https://www.bourn.org.uk/guides/coronavirus-advice/>

For ongoing advice on coronavirus, see the government's information page - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### **Food Banks and Emergency Supplies**

If you are in need of emergency food or baby supplies, a local foodbank may be able to help. Contact

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/> or phone 07772 538628

### **Health Reminders**

People who are over 70 years old, people of any age with an [underlying health condition](#), women who are pregnant or people [identified as extremely vulnerable](#) to severe illness as a result of Covid-19 must stay at home. Members of a household where someone is displaying symptoms should also not leave their home. These groups of people must not take part in any volunteering efforts that involve them leaving their homes. Personal circumstances must always be considered and if in any doubt, check the latest [Government guidance](#) and err on the side of caution.

Anyone who is displaying [symptoms of Coronavirus](#) should not leave their homes. If they are well enough, they may like to consider supporting volunteer efforts from home via email, Skype, What's App, Zoom etc

During the lockdown period there has been an increase in reports of domestic violence across the UK. [OnePlusOne](#) is a free digital platform providing helpful advice on relationship issues such as parental conflict and arguing constructively. Guidance is available from South Cambs District Council to support anyone experiencing domestic abuse at home. See the webpage: <https://www.scams.gov.uk/coronavirus/support-for-residents/#A2>

### Support for Young People

The Prince's Trust supports young people and has adapted its support to continue to be there for young people at what may be a difficult time for many. Their Contact Centre hours have been extended and young people can now access support seven days a week, between 9am and 9pm, over the phone, via live chat or by text. You can [find them on Twitter](#). They have created a [Coronavirus Support Hub](#) which has information on the support available to young people plus resources and opportunities to continue developing confidence and skills. Staff are delivering employability sessions online and providing one-to-one employment mentors, whilst supporting young people whose employment has been directly impacted by Covid-19 to access alternative employment opportunities, including in those key industries seeing an increased demand such as healthcare.

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## Council Tax Rise Explained

You may have spotted on your council tax bill a 14.4% increase to the local parish precept (the portion of the total council tax bill that is spent by your Parish Council). Over the course of 2019 the greatest concern that parishioners raised to the Parish Council was the issue of speeding through the village. This is in spite of the recently introduced 20 mph speed limit around the shop, the school and Riddy Lane, and radar speed warning signs on Alms Hill and the Broadway. However, after conducting a village assessment, the Parish Council decided that we needed to invest in more substantial measures – such as road narrowing and direction priority on the Broadway. The precept increase was voted as a 'one-off' increase to help the Parish Council to pay for the installation of village traffic calming measures this year (see below).

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## Traffic Calming Measures



We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council has been successful in applying for significant funding to install traffic calming measures on the Broadway. This is in response to our, and villagers', concerns about the increase in speeding

traffic coming into and leaving the village. Work will start later in the year once the coronavirus restrictions are removed. As outlined above, the Parish Council has allocated a portion of our annual budget to fund our contribution to this work (necessitating the precept rate rise).

We will now be looking at additional measures in the village to introduce traffic calming. To date we are considering measures including a 20mph speed restriction on the High Street, a weight limit on Chapel Hill (to stop heavy lorries) and improved road marking such as dragon's teeth and/or red tarmac turning into the village on Fox Road coming from the Longstowe direction. We will be consulting more widely on this among residents (see website for details) but in the meantime please do forward your suggestions to the Parish Clerk.

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## VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations - UK Govt Notice

**"The UK Government and the Devolved Administrations are working on revised plans to ensure the nation can still thank the Second World War generation on the 75th anniversary of VE Day on 8th May in a manner consistent with the measures to contain the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).**

Given the circumstances, digital options are likely to provide the safest means to provide this fitting tribute. Colleagues from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport are leading the coordination of the Government's programme, and an announcement will be made in due course.

event organisers and individuals need to follow the latest Government guidelines on mass gatherings and social distancing which are based on the expert medical and scientific advice from Public Health England.

[Updates will continue to be posted on the gov.uk website.](#) "

## Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

### Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home cleaning services.

### Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good friend,  
help to protect  
your family, friends  
and neighbours  
from scams.

Read It.  
Share It.  
Prevent It.

#Coronavirus  
#ScamAware



### Contact

For advice on scams call the  
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 11 33**  
To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**  
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

**NATIONAL  
TRADING  
STANDARDS**

Scams Team

To learn more about the different types of scams visit [www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk](http://www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk)

## Bourn Village Website

The new village website is now up and running. We've seen lots of site visits and an increase in traffic during the coronavirus situation. If there are topics you'd like to see on the website do contact the Parish Clerk. In the meantime news and updates relating to the village can be found on the home page. You can look for or add village events to the calendar.

[www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk)



Speedwatch has been suspended during the coronavirus lockdown. It will restart when the 'all clear' is given. In the meantime the police have increased village patrols and will be alert to speeding vehicles.

We have now got the new MVAS (mobile vehicle activated sign) ready to be installed at various sites across the parish. This will support the group when it restarts and you may notice the new sign when you're out and about.

If you'd like to become a Speedwatch volunteer, or would like more information, please contact our Speedwatch co-ordinator, [Cllr. Les Rolfe](#).

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## Parish Council Vacancies

If you are looking for an opportunity to influence local decisions and support our village you might like to join us.

We currently have vacancies for 2 parish councillors. Being a parish councillor does not need to be hugely time consuming. There is a limited minimum time commitment required and we meet most months for about two hours, in the evenings.

You need to be 18 years old or over and a resident in the village. If you are interested in joining us to get good things done for our village, please contact our Parish Clerk on email: [parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@bourn.org.uk)

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## Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **at 7.30pm**. These meetings usually take place in the Village Hall. During the coronavirus lockdown, meetings are being held virtually via the conference platform Zoom. You may attend the Zoom meeting using the link shown on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda notice which can be found on the village noticeboards and the village website's calendar page

All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Bourn matters or on items on the agenda (please note that after this time, further comments or questions are not permitted when the meeting is in progress). If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting, otherwise the matter may be tabled for fuller discussion at the next (or a future) meeting. If you want to raise a matter with the Council, please email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting. Minutes and agendas can be found on the Council's page on the website [www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk) and on the village noticeboards.

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## Newsletter Distribution

The Parish Council delivers a copy of the June newsletter to each household in the village. At all other times a limited number of printed copies will be available at the village notice boards, Hall Close Community Centre, the local shop, the Doctors' Surgery and Knibbs the butchers, for collection.

We are encouraging residents to sign up to receive our quarterly newsletters via the village website or by email. You can do this via the village website and selecting the Parish Council newsletter button.

Alternatively, they can be viewed on the website [www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk)

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