



Coronavirus Whatsapp Community Support Group

Hello all residents of Northlew and surrounding areas

I would like to tell you about something we have set up to hopefully help in what is an unusual set of circumstances facing everybody. We have set up a Whatsapp group that anyone can join to help in “emergencies” where you are likely to get an immediate response from someone within the vicinity. Please don’t be put off by it being too technical, it really isn’t. Whatsapp is a social messaging platform where everyone in a group will see any message from any member of that group. You can download it easily onto your computer, tablet or phone via <https://www.whatsapp.com/> and you can join the group we have created via this simple link:-

[<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dk9RxzPDMNwFnHocbk69W2>](https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dk9RxzPDMNwFnHocbk69W2?fbclid=IwAR3NZmBblGWzsKoYGdh3yGthrJlzSnIByhXTcQialH_XmayP7Kg_rVI4ygg)the Group name is Northlew Corona 2020.

The aim is to get every resident in our community signed up so that if they need it someone will be on call to help. What can I use it for? is the question you will be asking – it is not for social chit chat, or saying I am off to Waitrose does anyone want anything, I have an order being delivered does anyone need any milk or bread – there are other avenues for that like Facebook and direct contact with family and friends. This is designed for people who really are stuck – such as prescriptions not being collected, the scenario (heaven forbid) that you have to go to hospital and need animals looking after etc I daresay some of you who are at home are struggling with the idea of loneliness, send out a message saying you need to talk to somebody and I am sure someone will respond and “visit” to talk from a safe distance, or call you up and talk on the phone. Mental health is an important factor in these uncertain times.

I will add that if you are unsure whether you should be asking for help PLEASE DO ASK, we would hate for anyone to think their request is too trivial and suffer in silence. Please join via the link – if you are not sure how to join we can figure out a way and if you have joined think about your neighbours and help them join the group, it really is very simple.

I think we are a strong community and at times like this we need to pull together more and not let anyone slip through the net. I would like to add this has come about via a group set up from the shop but Steve and Shirley are doing a brilliant and busy job keeping that going and serving OUR community so Steve asked me to help.

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