



NOTICEBOARD – September 2020

CORONAVIRUS LATEST UPDATE

Please refer to the Northlew Parish Council website homepage for information on the local support group and the latest position – there is a useful [links](#) page which will direct you to specific sites being updated regularly.

LOCAL TOWN COUNCIL NOTIFICATIONS

Bus Services - most bus services in Devon are operating normally but any exceptions are indicated in the latest North Devon timetable found [here](#). Further information on bus services generally can be found [here](#). There are also **Return to School Transport Guidelines** issued by Devon County Council [here](#) including the attached [flyer](#) with useful advice for families sending their children to school.

Community Orchard Grant Scheme is being organised by North Devon Biosphere towards the creation and management of community orchards. Traditional orchards are in decline across Devon and are recognised for their important biodiversity and community value. For more information including the application form, please click [here](#).

Devon Communities Together (DCT) Virtual Coffee Mornings - Devon Highlights is a community project led by DCT which supports people in later life (aged 55+) living in Devon. Every Tuesday they run weekly, hour long, virtual coffee meetings via Zoom for people living in Devon – click [here](#) for more information.

Devon Solar Together is helping to support the region's energy and climate strategies, Devon Climate Emergency (DCE) who is looking to incentivise a solar PV collective purchasing scheme for the residential 'able-to-pay' sector. Click [here](#) for more information.

Environmental Crime – West Devon Borough Council environmental health would like to remind everyone that they will investigate all reports of fly tipping, littering and dog control offences. Please follow the [link](#).

Flood Risk Management - please find attached information regarding the public consultation period for Devon's Updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. The strategy can be found [here](#) and will be available for public consultation until 15th October 2020.

Highways - Potholes and General Highways Update – If you do spot any potholes or other problems on our roads, such as flooding and blocked drains, hazardous or fallen trees, overgrown vegetation, to name a few, please report them to Devon County Council using the following [link](#).

Leisure industry support - West Devon Borough Council are asking residents to help them lobby government for more support for the leisure industry. While Central Government have supported most businesses in some way, leisure providers have not received any significant funding, during the Covid-19 pandemic. You can do this by supporting and sharing the [#SaveLeisure campaign](#) launched by Community Leisure UK urging the UK Government to commit relief funding to enable the full reopening and recovery of the public leisure sector

Libraries - Phased Re-opening of libraries in the area continue. Click [here](#) for further information.

Recycling centres have now reopened with restrictions in place. Check the website for specific centres and Devon County Council guidance [here](#).

Trees - Ash Dieback is a disease which continues to affect ash trees in our countryside and towns. It threatens to wipe out over 90% of Britain's native ash species and is likely to cause safety issues that need to be managed by landowners in high-risk areas. For more information on this and what to do, please visit this [link](#).

PARISH NEWS

Green Dragon Pub – opening times are 12-8pm Tuesday to Sunday. Takeaway fish and chips and pizzas are also back on Wednesday or Thursdays (please check on Northlew & Ashbury Life for more details) and Market Day is also becoming a regular Friday event (weather dependent) when local suppliers set up their stalls in front of the pub.

Parish Council Meetings – these monthly meetings will continue in 'virtual' format until further notice with our new meeting being held on 21st September. Please consult the [website](#) for further information including details on how you can join these meetings which appear at the top of the agenda. Agendas for forthcoming meetings are posted on the website a week before the next meeting.

New Councillor Vacancy – details can be found on the website [here](#) with a deadline of 14th September.

Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show will be held this coming Saturday 5th September in the Victory Hall. Copy of the show schedule is found [here](#) with viewing from 1.30 – 3.30 and refreshments including hot drinks and sandwiches available in the Green Dragon at that time.

Northlew News - the monthly edition of the [Northlew News](#) continues to be suspended. In the meantime, this noticeboard and the website will continue to be updated and if you have anything to add please contact the Clerk.

Northlew Outreach Post Office is open Fridays from 09.30am – 12pm and following Government guidelines it will be a 1 in 1 out system.

The Playground is open. Please read the posters put up in the area and follow the Government Guidelines when using these facilities.

The Public Lavatories are open. Again, please read the posters put up and follow the Government Guidelines when using these facilities.

The Square Shop in Northlew is open 10.00 am till 2.00 Monday to Friday and 10.00 am till noon on Saturday and Sunday. Contact: Steve Lofthouse/Tim Williams Email: squashopnorthlew@outlook.com or Mobile Number: 07533 017938.

Victory Hall is open. Currently they are not yet able to open the kitchen but all other facilities will be available. Please direct any booking enquiries to Jayne O'Connell on 01409 221225 or 07815 418126 or email Jayne.northlew@gmail.com.

If you have any community related news for inclusion on the Noticeboard, please contact clerk@northlewparishcouncil.org.uk.