



NOTICEBOARD – August 2020

CORONAVIRUS LATEST UPDATE

Please refer to the Northlew Parish Council website homepage for information on the local community support group and a useful [links](#) page.

LOCAL TOWN COUNCIL NOTIFICATIONS

AbilityNet supports people of any age, living with any disability or impairment to use technology to achieve their goals at home, at work and in education. Nigel Field, the new Devon County Co-ordinator of AbilityNet (www.abilitynet.org.uk) is offering a free IT service. Their free helpline remains open on 0800 048 7642 and our local DBS-checked volunteers can provide remote support via calls, email and other communication methods.

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](#).

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.

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 [here](#).

Highways – 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](#).

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

Planning – If you wish to look up any existing planning applications, please click [here](#).

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

South West Food Hub - A major high-tech procurement platform being developed by the Government's Crown Commercial Service, is to be trialled in the South West, and could help ensure that ingredients in many thousands of meals a day served in places like school kitchens across the region, are sourced from local small businesses. For further information or to get involved go to <https://www.thesouthwestfoodhub.co.uk>.

Trees – Warning Cold-calling tree surgeons targeting vulnerable residents - West Devon Borough Council is urging residents to be on their guard after reports of rogue traders in a neighbouring authority who were claiming to be tree surgeons apparently targeting elderly and vulnerable residents unable to carry out tree works themselves. Click [here](#) for further information.

PARISH NEWS

Green Dragon Pub – opening times are 12-8pm Tuesday to Sunday. The pub itself will be closed but marquees will be put up at the front and back with table service only and contactless payments. Takeaway fish and chips and pizzas are also back on Wednesday/Thursdays (please check on The Green Dragon Northlew Facebook for more details) and Market Day is also becoming a regular Friday event (weather dependent) when local suppliers will 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 17th August. 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.

Northlew and Ashbury Produce and Craft Show will be held on Saturday 5th September. Copy of the provisional show schedule is found [here](#). Further details will be published nearer the time to ensure current Government Guidelines are followed.

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 reopened on 1 June on Monday and Fridays from 09.30am – 12pm and following Government guidelines it will be a 1 in 1 out system.

The Playground has now reopened. Please read the posters put up in the area and follow the Government Guidelines when using these facilities.

The Public Lavatories have reopened. 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 Saturdays and Sundays. Contact: Steve Lofthouse/Tim Williams Email: squareshopnorthlew@outlook.com or Mobile Number: 07533 017938.

Victory Hall reopened on 27th July. 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.