

Dear Residents,

Members of Holton Parish Council met recently to discuss the latest government advice to control the spread of coronavirus. This advice will have a profound effect on the residents of the village and the Parish Council intends to do all it can for the duration of the outbreak

The Parish Council agree that the following points would be our focus:

1. To provide support and reassurance to self-isolating residents in the parish of Holton;
2. To encourage and facilitate the actions of friends, family and neighbours in the support of those self-isolating;
3. To identify residents in risk groups who, for whatever reason, may not have the support of relatives, friends and neighbours and arrange both reassurance and practical support where possible;
4. To act as a focal point and support the efforts of other community based groups within the village.

**Actions in support of the plan**

We are aware that many villagers are keen to volunteer and co-ordinate action during this challenging time and so we intend to create a list of volunteers who may be called upon to provide both practical and pastoral support to those self-isolating and who are in identified risk groups. This support network will supplement (not replace) existing personal arrangements. If you think you are in a position to volunteer then please supply your details (see below) to [clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk) or by phoning 01865 872334

We are using local knowledge to identify those in the village who may require extra support. If you think you are in a risk category and will need assistance, or you know of someone who is at risk, please email [clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk) or phone 01865 872334. All information will be taken in confidence.

Ongoing communications will be essential to see us through and the Parish Council will use a broad range of methods. To this end we would encourage all residents to:

- Join the Facebook page '[Holton Oxfordshire COVID 19 Response Group](#)';
- Use the Nextdoor App (a networking platform for local communities) to communicate and stay informed. To join go to [www.nextdoor.co.uk](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk)
- Check the Parish Council website <http://www.holtonparishcouncil.org.uk/> for updates on plans and meetings

We are confident that the village will come together and help each other during this time of need and that there will be many acts of generosity and kindness. It may well be the small acts, a call or quick check on your neighbours that will be most appreciated. Despite self-isolation, the Parish Council are here to help and we will all work hard to ensure no one in the village feels isolated and alone.

Yours faithfully,

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If you are volunteering, please could you supply the following details via email to [clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk) , by phone to the Clerk on 01865 872334 or hand deliver to the letter box at Home Farm House, Holton.

Name

Address

Mobile

Email

How you might help (for example delivering, buying or picking up shopping/prescriptions, checking in on people, offering phone support)

Any specific skills you might have

*By providing your contact information you are agreeing to your details being shared with Holton Parish Council to be used as part of its response to the Coronavirus response. It will not be used for any other purpose.*

*You can request deletion of your personal information at any time by emailing a request to: [clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@holtonparishcouncil.org.uk)*