



## Government Guidance and Local Information

### Government Update

This week's newsletter is short and sweet pending the Prime Minister's statement this coming Sunday. We are expecting that the government will be unveiling their 'roadmap' to the easing of lockdown.

So as tempting as it may be to jump the gun just as we said last week, patience is the key here and we must, as Gorgeous Hubby sometimes says, slow down to speed up.

Enjoy your weekend and your VE Stay at Home Garden Party. Sing like no one is listening and dance like no one is watching!

### Acceptable reasons to leave the house:

- Shopping for basic necessities and only one member of the household.
- Providing care for a vulnerable person or collecting medical needs.
- Travel to and from essential work that cannot be done at home.
- Key workers may leave to take their children to school.

### Local Facilities

As a wider local community the rhythms of life seem to be settling down and supermarkets are working hard to manage social distancing rules and keeping staff and customers safe.

If you keep an eye on the Support Group Facebook page, you'll be able to find out where certain supplies are more plentiful.

If you're not online then please ask your Road Lead for support.

### Share Your Experiences of Kindness

Wiltshire Council have published the following article as part of their weekly Covid-19 updates:

Mental Health Awareness Week takes place during week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May, and the theme for this year is kindness. We know there are a lot of incredibly kind acts happening within our communities who are responding to local needs, particularly at the moment. We would love to hear about any impressive acts of kindness that you have experienced in the community.

If you would like to share your experience of kindness, please share your story in a maximum of 200 words by email to [communications@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:communications@wiltshire.gov.uk) and attach a photo with a completed consent form (available on Wiltshire Council website) if you are happy for this to be shared within our newsletters, Twitter and Facebook. Please keep in mind that we may not be able to respond to everyone or share everyone's experiences.

## We're Going On A Bear Hunt!



**VE DAY**  
75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
8-10 MAY 2020

As Lord Kitchener said on the wartime posters 'We Need You'.... Andy and Roxi Meaden are the extra lovely people who print the Parish Magazine for us and as there will be no fete edition this year they have very kindly offered to do a colour centre spread in the June edition of the magazine of photos from the 'Stay at Home Garden Party'.

So here's what we need you to do... we need as many of you gorgeous residents to send in photos of Friday's celebrations and we will publish as many as we can online in the newsletter next week and then in June's Parish magazine, you'll have a permanent keepsake of what is the most extraordinary of times.

Email photos please to Gillian; [semparmag@icloud.com](mailto:semparmag@icloud.com) Deadline for inclusion in both publications is Thursday 14th May – we can't wait to see your photos!

### Doorstep Diaries

Now here's an interesting idea, if you Google 'Doorstep Diaries' you will see in Northern Ireland and in Manchester, communities have started to document the lockdown in their immediate communities by photographing people on their doorsteps (from an acceptable social distance you understand!) it's truly heartwarming!

### Duckling Progress!



Just in case you've been wondering how the ducklings on the canal are getting on – a different brood living on the canal but look how much they've grown!