



Supporting residents through COVID-19

Although our Community Centre is closing its doors to the public from Saturday afternoon please remember that the building is simply a place (though a very special one) that the Residents Association works from. The Residents Association is NOT closing, and we are here to support our local community as it has since we started.

During these unprecedented times, we hope that our strong community spirit will play some small part in helping us through what we are about to face.

The Community Centre will close from Saturday 21st March 2020 to the public, but it will remain staffed and will act as a community information hub for as long as we can. We will be passing on community information, arranging community support for those either self-isolating or unable to get out or even trying to organise a community activity when allowed. The Centre will remain staffed for a period of the day from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 12pm Saturday & Sunday for telephone calls or emails only. Can we ask that you do not simply turn up?

As in other parts of the country, we are looking to put together some form of register of people who would be willing to help someone in their street with either picking up a newspaper or pint of milk, picking up a prescription or simply making a telephone call to ask how vulnerable residents are.

If you would like to help, we will record your details (name, telephone number and address) based on the street that you live on. If you think you can offer your help, please send us an email to westmoorcc@outlook.com or call us on **0191 216 1005**.

If you need someone's' help, please just give the Centre a call on **0191 216 1005** and speak to someone or leave a message (our answer machine will be checked regularly) and help will be arranged to be given by someone from your street.

During this time, it's going to be difficult for many people living alone especially if they are unable to get out and about so a friendly chat and a catch up can make all the difference. We are therefore putting a list together of people who would like a call to check in with them once or twice a week if they live alone or are in a vulnerable group. If you would like someone from the Association to give you a call to check in and make sure everything is ok, then please ring **0191 216 1005** and leave your name and telephone number. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page or the Noticeboard at the gates for updates.

Take care and please watch out for your friends and neighbours.