

# Community News

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## SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of a current email scam purporting to come from British Gas saying you're in arrears, threatening action and advising you of all sorts of penalties and charges to put things right. E-Mails from British Gas will: always address you by name (never as Dear Customer) - if the email's about your account, it will have your account number - will never ask for any personal details - will only give you links back to the [britishgas.co.uk](http://britishgas.co.uk) website (but best never to click on links anyway) - would never be sent via the [hotmail.co.uk](http://hotmail.co.uk) system. If you're ever suspicious - don't click any links - forward the suspect email to [phishing@centrica.com](mailto:phishing@centrica.com).  
(Ed. thanks to Eve & Pete for this information)

## UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

(things keep changing so, best first check information on websites or Facebook pages)

**...about the PCC traffic warden.** The traffic wardens have started to patrol again. Our warden was in the High Street yesterday for the first time since lockdown - he said it was fine to put something in the Community News that initially they're focussing on double and single yellow line infringements, but sooner or later they will also be enforcing the time limits in the High Street and checking tickets in the car parks. So it might be wise to get back into the habit of thinking before we park. And if you do get unlucky and get a ticket - just bear in mind they really are only doing their job, and Powys' coffers are bare so they need to bring in some money again. (ed. thanks to Mags for this)

**...from Weobley Ash.** Fresh fruit and veg, Jersey New potatoes, Apricots, Lemons, limes, cauliflower, broccoli, bananas and mushrooms. Veg boxes available £20 & £30. Fresh meat, whole chicken, chicken fillets, beef joints, pork joints, bacon and sausage, sirloin and rump. Breakfast boxes for Fathers Day - £15 Welsh pork dry cure bacon in stock. Bbq packs to order for the weekend. 2 x 4 pack kebabs, 2 x 4 pack burgers, sausages, pepper steaks etc £45 box enough for 6 adults. Open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday for walk-in. Call 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk) for delivery

**...from J P Turner.** Broad Bean Bargains to be had....only £1 a pot. 01544 230536

**...from Lorna's Sandwich Shop.** Last minute Fathers Day treats - open Monday to Friday 8am to 2pm (closed Sat and Sun)

**...from Lyonshall Nurseries.** Wondering what to get for Fathers Days, read our gift ideas: <http://www.lyonshallnurseries.co.uk/news/1062/the-best-fathers-day-gift-for-your-dad>

**...from the Salty Dog.** Wonderful Local Strawberries from Park Farm and Moorcourt Farm and delicious Kale and Rainbow Chard from Lane Cottage...

**...from Chilvers Country Supplies.** Wet weather, warm weather clothing and wellingtons in stock. Waterproof clothing (trousers and jackets). Wellingtons - also available with steel toe caps. Coats, Jackets, fleeces and more.. Come into our Presteigne store and have a look :)

**...from PBS.** Our gardening section is almost back up to full stock. Come and see us for any garden products.

## THINGS TO DO WHILE STAYING IN & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**The Premier League has returned...** but not exactly as we know it. The fixture list, including kick-off times, for [the first 32 matches after the restart was announced on 5 June](#). (click here). Aston Villa faced Sheffield United in the opening match at 18:00 BST on Wednesday, before Manchester City v Arsenal the same evening. The first full round of fixtures will then be played over the weekend. For the full list of Premier League fixtures, [click here](#). Where can you follow the games? [All remaining 92 Premier League games will be broadcast live](#) on Sky Sports, BT Sport, BBC Sport or Amazon Prime. The BBC will show Bournemouth v Crystal Palace on 20 June at 19:45 BST, followed by Norwich v Everton on 24 June at 18:00, and then two matches yet to be confirmed. As well as the four live games, there will be additional BBC Match of the Day highlights programmes.

Sky Sports will make 25 of the remaining top-flight matches free to air, including the Merseyside derby at 19:00 on 21 June. Amazon Prime's four matches will also be broadcast for free.

For the full list of free to air games, [click here](#).

BBC Radio 5 Live and Talksport will also provide live radio commentaries for all the remaining matches, while BT Sport will show the first Saturday 15:00 Premier League match to be broadcast live in the UK when Brighton take on Arsenal on 20 June.

**...from Spar Presteigne.** The second of Disability Sport Wales's virtual insport series events starts tomorrow! They'll be bringing you Tennis, Gymnastics, Boccia and Wheelchair Rugby – you don't want to miss out... Sign up by following the link : <https://bit.ly/insport19june>

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...from SPAR.** A.F. Blakemore & Son Ltd is one of the largest and most forward-thinking family-owned businesses in the UK and is the largest division of SPAR UK, owning circa 280 stores and serving more than 950 in total across England and Wales. We want to thank groups who are there for vulnerable people during the Covid-19 crisis, so we're giving a total of £30,000 to local charities and community groups across our trading area to help. Our **Community Cashback Grant** scheme will run over four weeks, closing for applications on Thursday 9th July. All organisations have to do to apply is fill in an application form. [Click here for our online application form](#). Every Monday, 12 finalists will be announced on this webpage and our Facebook pages, and the public will be able to vote for the group they want to receive the top grant of £1,000 in their region. In each region the group that receives the most public votes will receive £1,000, the group with the second most votes will receive £500 and the group with the third most votes will receive £375. Voting will close at midday on Thursdays and each Grant winner will be announced the following day (Friday). Good luck!

**...from PAVO Befrienders.** Could you be a friend in need? We still need volunteers for our Powys Befriending Service supporting people over the age of 50 who are lonely, vulnerable & isolated - with our #BefriendingService a phone call can make all the difference to someone's day & wellbeing. #BeTheDifference call us on 01597 822191 or email [pbs@pavo.org.uk](mailto:pbs@pavo.org.uk)

**...from Sheep Music.** This year's Sheep Music AGM will be held online via Zoom on Tuesday June 30th at 8pm. Anyone wishing to take part should email Sheep music at [info@sheep-music.co.uk](mailto:info@sheep-music.co.uk)

**...from Maggie about the Nature Friendly Farming Network.** We talk about making changes for the future, living in a part of the country surrounded by farms, this is a great place to start. Support Nature Friendly Farmers, we need more of them. Conventional ways of farming have to change ... we don't have the choice to go on expecting farmers to destroy the soil, the wildlife, in order to provide cheap food. They don't want to do that, we don't want them to do that, so let's

say NO MORE! The Nature Friendly Farm Network is all about championing a way of farming which is sustainable and good for nature. To learn more about the network and sign up, click here: <https://www.nffn.org.uk/>

**...from Presteigne Primary School.** If your child is poorly don't delay seeking medical advice because of Covid-19. Undiagnosed Type 1 diabetes in children is an emergency. If your child has ANY symptoms #4Ts make an urgent GP appointment. @CYPDN\_Wales @DiabetesUKCymru  
[https://www.diabetes.org.uk/in\\_your\\_area/wales/campaigning/know-type-1---wales](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/in_your_area/wales/campaigning/know-type-1---wales)

**...from PSAFC.** Both our teams for 2020/2021 are now looking for pre season fixtures as it seems we will be allowed to play football again. Any clubs not fixed up then please get in contact on our Facebook page or by e-mail [secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@presteignestandrewsfc.co.uk). We are happy to host or travel!!!

**...from Jonathan about EPIC.** When the Stock Market crashed at the beginning of the coronavirus crisis, many despaired at how much had been lost. Not so, though, with EPIC – Presteigne's newest and only Green and Ethical Investment Club. Having recently been formed, they are ideally placed to take advantage of the fall in share values, while also investing in carefully chosen companies which support both the planet and its populations. Although all three of Presteigne Investment Clubs are full, with the legal maximum of twenty members each, those readers interested in joining the waiting list – for either EPIC, or one of Presteigne's other Investment Clubs - are invited to call Jonathan Wilson on [01544 260800](tel:01544260800).

**...from Presteigne Freegle.** 60% of UK households had a #declutter during lockdown! Hands up if you have stuff you no longer use and don't know what to do with it.....Please join your local Freegle Community. You never know what local people are looking for or what they'll do with it!  
<http://ow.ly/DbOu30nyjdj>

**...from our Town Council.** Latest planning applications in to be considered at the June Meeting of the Town Council:

20/0875/HH Grid Reference: E:331288 N: 264433 Proposal: Demolition of a single storey extension/garage and erection of replacement two storey extension Site Address: Trincomalee, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2DP.

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**...from the Welsh Government.** By working with schools and councils we've helped almost 9,000 pupils access devices to take part in schoolwork from home during lockdown. We've also provided almost 11,000 mi-fi devices to children living in homes without internet so they can get online. Your head teacher can let you know if you can benefit from this support.

**...from the Welsh Government.** We've teamed up with the Wales Co-Operative Centre to deliver 745 tablets to 401 care homes so residents can keep in touch with loved ones during lockdown. Care home staff are also being trained to help residents use the technology for video medical consultations. <https://gov.wales/care-homes-benefiting-digital-devices-rollout>

**...from Powys Recycles.** Community recycling sites – use them responsibly, or risk losing them. There is currently an unacceptable amount of contamination in some of the community recycling bins (Bring Sites) which puts a threat over their continuing viability - see <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9250/Community-recycling-sites---use-them-responsibly-or-risk-losing-them>

**...from Public Health Wales.** The latest number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Wales has been updated. Data dashboard: on your pc <http://tinyurl.com/wgthkgs>, for mobile <http://tinyurl.com/ybm8yare>. Find out how we are responding to the spread of the virus in our daily statement here: <http://tinyurl.com/ydgql6ya>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing is available for everyone in Powys with symptoms. Firstly, do you have one of the following symptoms?

- new continuous cough
- fever
- loss of smell or taste

If you think you have symptoms then you should follow the self-isolation guidance at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

Testing for members of the public - From 15 June you can use the online portal to request a test in Newtown and Builth Wells, or in large testing centres in neighbouring counties (e.g. Shrewsbury, Hereford, Newport, Cardiff). To book a test, visit <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>. Before requesting a test you must have at least one of the symptoms listed above. You need to take the test in the first 5 days of having symptoms. The test tells you if you currently have Coronavirus. It does not tell you if you have previously had Coronavirus.

**...to all local businesses from the Welsh Government.** Do you know where your waste is going? Don't be fooled by social media posts and low prices, there are scammers looking to make quick money by taking your rubbish and dumping it illegally in our fields, country lanes or on roadsides. Use a registered waste carrier. You can find a full list here <https://naturalresources.wales/checkWaste?lang=en>

**...from Powys CC**...information in respect of the emergency childcare provision for eligible children available in Powys and the recommencement of school-based learning for all pupils for the rest of the summer term (until Friday, July 24). Key points from a letter sent by the PCC Portfolio Holder for Education - see PCC website and Facebook for full content.

- At 6pm on Wednesday, June 24 emergency childcare hubs in Powys will close
- From Thursday, June 25 to Friday, July 24, emergency childcare will be provided at your child's own school. This will only be available between 8:30am to 4:30pm
- From Monday, June 29 schools will start to accept their own pupils to attend identified sessions at their own school
- Normal school transport will resume on Monday, June 29 with transport providers following Welsh Government social distancing guidance

**...from Ian about Hereford CC's Small business Discretionary Grant Scheme.** Herefordshire Council has c£3m from the government to fund discretionary grants to small businesses. This is important because it is targeted at businesses which are not eligible for other grants to support them during the Covid 19 outbreak. This will apply to many - not least shared offices, B&B businesses and many working from home. If this applies to you, please see the notice from Herefordshire Council on their website.

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**If you have any questions on what's happening - or not happening - in our community, do let us know and we'll do our best to provide an answer, or at least point you in the right direction - simply email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com).**