

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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- **and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.**

*...from County Cllr. Beverley Baynham. Today a mass of cones will be arriving in our High Street to cordon off a section of each side of the pavement to widen them due to social distancing now non-essential shops are allowed to open.*

*All the car parking spaces are being removed except for the disabled. Deliveries etc will still be allowed to park, but will obviously have to move cones. After leading a fairly successful campaign we now have some free parking in the car park to compensate (originally it was tough luck!). It is a Powys County Council decision to implement these measures with Welsh Government funding from a grant.*

*Interestingly there are some people in the community who would like to see the High Street pedestrianised completely, something that I am not in agreement with. In theory it sounds lovely but in practical terms it is not.*

*But, for now we have a temporary measure that is being introduced and I would imagine will have to be changed in the coming days.*

*PCC have said they'll work with the local councillor and Town Council to make it work, so here's your chance. Let me know what you would like to see please. There's not much point in hoards of posts telling me to get rid. What we need is constructive criticism. If we can make alternative suggestions then we can make changes. Although saying that, if it's a complete disaster and we can demonstrate footfall in the local shops has reduced dramatically then we would have a good reason to request the scheme is removed.*

*I can only apologise to everyone for the disruption. If you would like to email me your comments I can pass them straight to PCC - [cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.beverley.baynham@powys.gov.uk)*

**...from the Town Clerk. Correction to information provided yesterday.** For every two on-street parking spaces removed in Powys High Streets (under the emergency Covid Highways measures), one will be marked as free for 1 hour in a nearby PCC car park.

**...from the Day Centre and Presteigne Spar.** Great news!! The Home Support project has been awarded £375 from The Blakemore Foundation - run by A F Blakemore who own Spar Presteigne as well as many other Spar shops. We were shortlisted in the South West region and came third! Not bad considering all the other many good causes out there in the whole of South Wales & South West England that would of applied! Many thanks for the much needed support.

**SPAR are still looking for nominations for (the next phase of) their Community Cashback Grant scheme.** So if you know of a worthy cause near us who are looking for donations please encourage them to apply online now. Here's the link they need <https://www.afblakemore.com/our-community/community-cashback-grant>. They've got until 9 July to get their application in.

**UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET**

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

**...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support.** We have more beautiful sweet peas for sale, only £2.00 a bunch - part of the annual fundraiser for community transport - please put the money through our letterbox. If you picked up sweet peas while the shop was closed and were unable to pay, please just pop the money through the letterbox now. The PNCS office will re-open on Wednesday 1st July.

**...from the Royal Oak.** Takeaway update - as of next Sunday we'll be doing Sunday roast to take-away. Beef, pork, nut roast + roasties, veg, yorkshire pudding + dessert. 1 course £9 / £6 (child), 2 courses £13 / £10. We will be operating a delivery service within 2 miles of Presteigne. The roast dinners will be served in takeaway containers or you can arrange a time slot to turn up with your plates and we can plate it up for you. Plate up slots from 11:30pm till 1:30pm. The meals will be dished up and delivered cold for heating up at home when you are ready for them. For more information or to book your dinners you can message us via our Facebook page or call 01544 260842. Please leave a voice message if there is no answer as we are not always at the pub at the moment. For any dietary requirements just let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

**...from The PNCS Warehouse.** OPENING FRIDAY 3rd JULY. New opening hours are Monday to Friday 10-3.30 Saturday 10-2. Lots of new donations, kitchen items at great prices. Why not come and have a browse ! We have new window displays with some lovely items. Come along and grab a bargain. Our man cave has had a much needed tidy up, gardening items, decorating and tools - lots of odds and ends - many items from 20p only. Demi-johns and glass jars now in. Many different sized glasses, stock up now, only 30p each!! Ideal for those socially distanced drinks in the garden. Vintage wicker picnic basket with two bottle holders £6, bargain! We have an assortment of exercise equipment, get fit in the comfort of your own home. Four green plastic garden chairs £1 each. Hostess trolley £10 PAT Tested. Two pine kitchen chairs, good condition, only £4 each! Our menswear section is fully stocked with jackets, trousers, shorts, shirts, t shirts and shoes. Come and find a bargain!

**...from Richard Pitt, Presteigne Local Food Market.** We're finally back this Saturday, July 4th. 9am till 1.00. All stalls will be outside and adhere to social distancing. Any further information please message me and I will endeavour to answer your questions. Sorry to have been missing for a few months during this very uncertain time, but stall holders are waiting to welcome back old and new customers.

**...from Wild Thyme.** It's that time again! Latest slightly tweaked menu (on our Facebook page) for this week's take-aways ... collection Friday and Saturday.

**...from The Stag.** NEW TAKEAWAY MENU AND PROCEDURE. Our takeaway service will be running as normal on Friday evening, but as the restaurant reopens on Saturday there will be some changes from then onwards. There will be dedicated parking spaces for takeaway collection at the bottom of the car park for customers who wish to stay in their cars and have their food brought to them. If you would like to enjoy a drink before collecting your takeaway you're now welcome to park anywhere and come into the bar. If you know you're likely to do this before ordering, please leave a note on booking system and we will try to reserve a table for you. Order now at [thestagg.co.uk/takeaway/](http://thestagg.co.uk/takeaway/). Our restaurant menus for re-opening will be released very shortly - keep your eyes peeled!

**...from Weobley Ash.** We have 6 parking spaces plus kerbside parking in front of store, and outside hand washing facilities for all customers. Open Tuesday to Saturday 9-4 for walkins, call 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk) to place box orders. Fine selection of fruit and veg, peaches, nectarines, strawberries, Jersey potatoes, root veg, cauliflower, cabbage. Beef, pork and lamb, mince, dice, bacon, joints and chicken

**...from Wegnalls Farm Butchery.** Update!! To our lovely customers this Saturday the 4th of July we will be back at Presteigne Local Food Market. We look forward to seeing you all again!!

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

...**from Ken Rodmell.** *Planetary parade for insomniacs ? If you're unable to sleep around 2 am, why not take a peek just above the southerly horizon? Clear skies permitting, you'll be rewarded with a fine line-up (from right to left) of magnificent Jupiter with Saturn close by. Further along, an unmistakable reddish hue announces Mars and, if insomnia persists to around 4 am, you may glimpse brilliant Venus, now leading the sun following inferior conjunction in early June. Venus might exhibit a temporary reddish hue due to atmospheric haze.*

...**The Swan Project.** Spoil yourself - look and listen to 24 brilliant cellists from 12 countries perform The Swan from 'Carnival of the Animals' by **Camille Saint-Saëns**. <https://youtu.be/hE1enPDh3nM>

...**from John and Leon.** Enjoy this incredible lipsynch from American comedienne Sarah Cooper - the utterances of President Trump - comic genius, but oh does it make you cringe...and think !! <https://www.facebook.com/100000268222765/posts/3421838927835014/> (ed. Sorry - I just couldn't resist sharing this)

...**from Knighton Community Woodlands Group** looking after a mixture of home-based and at various woodlands near Knighton and at Beggar's Bush (between Knighton and Kington). We are seeking Biodiversity Survey volunteers who can help, post lockdown, with wildlife surveys in local woodlands. One of our key aims as an organisation is to benefit wildlife, so we need to carry out regular surveys of the woods that we work in to make sure that our activities are having a positive effect. We are looking for volunteers from the Powys, Shropshire and Herefordshire borderlands to help with surveys of wildlife such as birds, plants, moths, bats and other species. Contact Gary Cowell, 01547 520374 [woodland@tveg.org.uk](mailto:woodland@tveg.org.uk). <http://tveg.org.uk/wordpress/what-we-do/woodland-project>

## OTHER INFORMATION

...**from Powys Health Teaching Board.** By joining the COVID Symptom Study app you can help us track the impact of COVID-19 across the county so that we can #KeepPowysSafe. Download the app and sign up today at <https://covid19.joinzoe.com>

...**from Keep Britain Tidy.** There are 9 million dogs in the UK. Image the impact if every dog owner picked up a few pieces of litter each time they took their dog for a walk. That's exactly what the @pawsonplastic community is doing - with over 17,000 dog owners already taking part. Are you in? #PawsOnPlastic #LoveWhereYouLive #LitterHeroes #KeepBritainTidy

...**from B W Roberts.** Resumption of MOT requirements. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mandatory-mot-testing-to-be-reintroduced-from-1-august>

...**from Powys CC Jobs.** Senior Practitioner - Older People - 37 hours, Permanent, Newtown. Closing date - 30/06/2020. To assist the Team Manager, in managing the workload of the team and promote the effective assessment, care planning, intervention and review for older people including safe guarding. [www.powys.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.powys.gov.uk/jobs)

...**from Powys CC Jobs.** Social Worker - Children's Services vacancies available in the following teams:

Assessment Team - North and South Powys

Care and Support Team - North and South Powys

Through Care 0 - 14 Team - North and South Powys

Through Care 14+ Team - South Powys

Newly qualified social workers and those looking to return to social work are encouraged to apply and there will be tailored support, training and development opportunities. For more information and to apply visit <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/>

...**from Powys CC.** Spending money locally will really help to rebuild our economy. If every adult living in Powys (77,974) spent just £5 per week in their local town, then £20,273,240 would be pumped straight back into the local economy! #SupportLocalPowys

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Optometry (eye care) services across Powys are now able to offer appointments for urgent and essential eye care. Please contact your optometrist for more details. Find out more at <http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/news/52356>

**...from the Welsh Government.** From 6 July, we hope to change the rules to let two households join together to create an 'extended household'. *(ed. by this same date, the Welsh Government have said they are hoping to lift the 5mile travelling restriction)*. Everyone in the extended household can act as if they live in one household – so, go into each other's homes and not need to stay 2 metres apart. This includes staying over, childcare and help with other caring responsibilities. To reduce the spread of coronavirus, you can only create an extended household with one other household. You can find further details here [www.gov.wales/extended-households-will-enable-families-be-re-united](http://www.gov.wales/extended-households-will-enable-families-be-re-united)

**...from Powys CC Transport Unit.** We want to make sure our school transport for Check In, Catch Up days is as safe as possible. If you are able, just for the short term, please use alternative means to travel to school - reducing the numbers will really help us. Thank you!!

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** The Office for National Statistics has confirmed that sadly 92 people from Powys have died with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 (based on deaths registrations where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate). Our thoughts are with everyone affected. This is an increase of one compared with last week's report. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

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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).**