

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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- **Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)**
- **and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.**

**...an important Message from the Mayor of Presteigne and Norton Town Council:**

Recent incidents in Presteigne High Street regarding the potential temporary widening of the pavement for pedestrians due to the Coronavirus pandemic have led to unfortunate incidents of alleged physical and verbal abuse of Powys County Council employees.

I am told this matter is now in the hands of the Police so it would be wrong of me to go into any detail that might be deemed prejudicial to any potential official action. However, while the Town Council is fully aware this is a highly emotive issue it doesn't condone in any way the abuse of employees who are simply going about their daily job. After all, it wasn't their decision to put out cones – they were doing as they are instructed by their management team and to abuse those on the ground is both misguided and unacceptable.

The Town Council is very well aware of the struggles faced by many businesses on the High Street and is working hard behind the scenes to liaise with Powys County Council officials to resolve this issue.

Presteigne High Street has coped admirably during the lockdown period, through a combination of the excellent work of the volunteers outside the shops and good old Radnorshire common sense.

The opening of so-called non-essential businesses is being cited as the reason for the need to increase the pavement area and, for the businesses concerned, I sincerely hope it will lead to an increase in footfall - whether it would be enough to justify the proposed measures is one of the issues that will be debated fully when the Town Council meets on Wednesday, 8 July after which our views will be passed on to senior Councillors at Powys County Council.

Trevor Owens, Mayor, Presteigne and Norton Town Council

**A huge thank you to everyone who has made face-coverings for our local residents.**

Special thanks to Barbara who has made 75 masks so far and is happy to produce more if needed (call or text 07791 291955). And an amazing 280 have been given out by Emma's group of volunteers (Emma, Kate, Heather, Sonia, Jan, Caroline, Bronwen, Rose, Sarah, Chris Ruby and Chris Refausse - thank you!). In true Presteigne/Norton style - they are so pretty! Emma says "we are going to give it a rest for now but have kept a small number in reserve for those who still need one (contact [emma.lilley@btinternet.com](mailto:emma.lilley@btinternet.com)). It's not difficult to make your own – there are lots of easy-to-follow tutorials on YouTube. We suggest you make it a three-layer mask with a layer of J-cloth between two bits of cotton. We also have a stock of spare elastic if anyone is finding it difficult to source (again, contact Emma)".

**SCAM ALERT**

**...from Jo.** "I just got a call (pretending to come) from BT? from a mobile [07280836384](tel:07280836384) with an automated message telling me broadband would be cut off because other people were accessing it and to fix the problem .....etc. so I hung up. I am not with BT and they called my mobile also not BT, so I am ignoring it."

## UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET

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

### **DON'T FORGET PRESTEIGNE LOCAL FOOD MARKET RESTARTS TOMORROW, SATURDAY, FROM 9am-1pm IN THE MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK.**

...**from Elda's**. Hi Everyone. Hope you are all keeping well and safe. The Coffee House will be opening on Friday 3rd of July and Saturday 4th of July, for takeaways only. 8:30am til 2pm, serving hot drinks, sandwiches and other meals upon request. Also selling Colombian coffee grounds and beans. Any questions or if you want to ring orders through please call 01544260055. Thank you.

...**from The Workhouse Gallery & Café**. New beautiful slip trailed pottery from James Burnett-Stuart, delicious pea and mint soup on today's cafe takeaway menu, and new fair trade jewellery in from Just Trade using the amazing hand carved tagua nut - handmade in Ecuador for a fair wage.

...**from the PNCS Warehouse**. OPEN TODAY !!! Opening times 10am-3.30pm. Limited to 5 people at a time. Hand sanitiser at the door and a one way system in place. We have an amazing selection of mirrors in, all types and good prices, come and take a look. Stay safe everyone by maintaining social distancing. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours. Looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

...**from the PNCS Shop**. Also OPEN TODAY. There are couple of notices up that if you could read will help make the shop operate in a safe and effective way for customers and staff, hand sanitiser is available for use on entry and exit, and the shop is well stocked with lots of lovely summer clothes, toys, books, and bric a brac. Mens clothes can be found at The Warehouse. We look forward to seeing you.

...**from Castle Ring Oak Frame**. New website - new blog. Head over to read our new blog about last week's frame raising and do please stay a while to browse our brand new website! <https://www.castleringoakframe.co.uk/2020/07/02/richards-castle-frame-raising/>

...**from Weobley Ash**. We shall be at Presteigne Market this Saturday from 9-1. To kick off the first market we have some 9 week aged (hung for 9 weeks in our own chillers) mutton. The marbling and taste is stunning. We have chops, joints, dice, French trim racks, Barnsley chops, shoulder, bone on or bone out, mince and mint and feta lamb burgers. Card payments taken We look forward to seeing you all

...**from Charlotte**. Mobile Hairdresser. Level 2 & 3 Qualified in Women's Hairdressing. I charge 50p per mile when travelling over 8 miles outside of Knighton. I am currently taking bookings from July 16th following government guidelines. Appropriate PPE must be worn by both myself and my clients. PPE can be provided if you do not have any. Please contact me to book your appointment. Please feel free to ask questions or ask for details about how I will follow guidelines during your appointments. Please check out my page to see pictures of my work <https://www.facebook.com/Hair-By-Charl-177393792961133/>

...**from Rosamund about the Museum/Gallery at Whitton** - this year's Museum exhibition, Gallery and classes at the Old School, Whitton will be postponed until August when we hope to be able to announce revised dates. We will be taking precautions very seriously as we would like to ensure that everyone remains safe. However, we would love to reopen for late summer, this will mean that we will need extra volunteers , if anyone is interested in History or the Arts please contact Rosamund on 01544 260777 . We may have some research positions for anyone who would like to be involved but is hesitant to take on a role dealing with the general public. We would be particularly interested to find someone Welsh speaking to help with translation.

...**from Russell Fletcher**, Presteigne Driving School. Hello everyone, bit of info for you .. driving lessons and theory tests can start again on July 4th and driving tests on 22nd July - but for

ENGLAND only ...we in Wales still have to wait to get the go ahead from Welsh Government...I will be in touch with all students individually as soon as ...thanks Russ

**...from Weobley Ash.** Beef boxes for 4 £60, 5 ppl £75. Mixed meat boxes from £60. Breakfast box - sausage, dry cured bacon, eggs, beans £15. Open from 9-4 Tuesday to Saturday. Delivery available. Call 01544 598120 or email [shop@weobleyash.co.uk](mailto:shop@weobleyash.co.uk)

**...from Rosamund about her new Shop at 47 High St.** Opening from 10.30am to 3pm on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Allowing one couple or family group at a time, Hand sanitiser for use at the door. We will be staying on until 5.30pm for people to visit by appointment. We will be using the side door as it is easier to maintain social distancing from the High St . We will be unwrapping a new selection of rugs for Wednesdays opening and have a nice selection of antique Welsh blankets and vintage cushions, sold to support the Museum. We are happy to discuss curtain orders and will be able to visit customers' homes to install, as soon as it is deemed safe.

**...from Sarah at Slix Hair Studio.** We are currently awaiting to hear from the Welsh Government on 9th July with a possible 13th July reopening date but we are currently taking bookings on 07983 355125 having been working hard behind the scenes for the last month preparing in many ways for the RELAUNCH of our fresh new look studio! Hygiene has always been paramount at Slix Hair Studio, however extra attention has be paid to the safety and relaxation for client's visits with compulsory masks/temperature taken on arrival/use of hand sanitisers plus other guidelines given on making a booking. The staff of SLIX HAIR STUDIO are very much looking forward to getting our garden shears all oiled and sharpened in preparation for beautifying all our lovely clients from Presteigne, Norton and surrounding areas. Sarah

## OTHER INFORMATION

**...from the Guerrilla Gardeners - not as dangerous as the title might sound!** The group was formed in response to ongoing spending cuts by Powys CC which resulted in our town centre looking rather neglected. The group was facilitated by PACDG when a small group of concerned residents came together to volunteer for gardening activities once a week. We look after the bits of land and areas that others overlook. This week it was the Shoppers Car Park that had some overdue tidying up and before lock-down we spent time on the footpath running from the Surgery to the Police Station. We plant bulbs, prune shrubs, tidy walkways, provide and plant up tubs and so on. We have some tools, courtesy of a donation from Lightfoot. If the weather is fine we try and meet every **WEDNESDAY MORNING** from 9.30-10.30. The meeting point is the Memorial Hall car park unless we have pre-agreed a working location. We would be wonderful to have more people join our informal group. It's sociable and in the open air - come and join us. Contact Annette on 260151 for information.

**...from Little People's Playgroup.** A reminder. Please keep spreading the word that UNTIL OCTOBER 2020, every time Co-op members shop at Co-op, 1% of what they spend can be donated to Presteigne Little People. To find out how you can vote for us over the next few months or become a Co-op member, please click on our unique link below: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/39691>. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION and spread the word to friends and family across the UK. This is an amazing opportunity for us to raise much needed funds for our setting.

**...from BBC Proms.** Relive 4 decades of outstanding concerts from the #BBCProms. We're bringing you 6 weeks of some of our greatest concerts and 2 weeks of special performances live from the Royal Albert Hall. On: TV | Radio |@BBCiPlayer | BBC Sounds. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/proms>

**...from the Welsh Government.** The hospitality sector will begin to re-open outdoors in Wales from July 13, if cases of coronavirus continue to fall.The first phase will see the re-opening of outdoor spaces owned by businesses and subject to existing licences. This Welsh Government has said this is only if the virus remains under control and is subject to the outcome of next

week's review of the regulations. The re-opening of indoor services will be considered later, depending on:

- The success of outdoor opening
- The ongoing coronavirus situation in Wales
- Other measures businesses put in place to reduce the risk of transmission, such as pre-booking, table service only, and even the use of apps.

**...from Alex Gooch, Artisan Baker. Job opportunity.** Driver Wanted! We're looking for a driver who is flexible, can work weekdays and weekends with early starts (between 3 and 4 am at our bakery in Hay). You need to be methodical, able to work well under time pressure and have good communication skills as you will often be dealing with customers. Delivery driving experience would be an advantage as would experience driving long-wheel base vans in city centres. Training will be provided though. Email [info@alexgoochbaker.com](mailto:info@alexgoochbaker.com) or telephone 07913099672

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board. Job opportunity.** We are recruiting a highly motivated Registered Nurse to work within our Older Adult Community Mental Health Team based at The Hazels Community Mental Health Team, in Llandrindod Wells.

Job Title: Community Mental Health Nurse for Older Adults; Band: 6; Location: Llandrindod; Employer: Powys Teaching Health Board; Closing Date: 13/07/20  
<https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/916080216>

**...from Mangar Health, Presteigne. Job opportunity.** Customer Services Administration Assistant. Job Description: \*To contact customers and prospects to promote products and services and generate new business \*To assist in taking and processing all sales orders through despatch \*To provide reliable sales support and cover for the day to day efficient running of the sales office. See our website [www.mangarhealth.com](http://www.mangarhealth.com) or our Facebook page to apply.

**...from Powys CC. NEW:** A limited number of grants available for new businesses. Grants of £2,500 are available on a first come first served basis to help new businesses that are facing financial challenges due to COVID-19...Read more and apply (be quick!) <https://crowd.in/20hcfS>

**...from the Welsh Government about Dentists and Opticians in Wales** - they have been providing urgent care throughout the pandemic. They're now resuming more services, but you shouldn't expect business as usual – they'll be busy and will prioritise those with urgent concerns. We're ensuring they have the PPE they need. Services will vary depending on your dentist/opticians and you will be contacted when routine appointments can resume. <https://gov.wales/dental-and-optometry-practices-see-more-patients-next-phase-pandemic-recovery>

**...from My Dentist, Wylcwm Place, Knighton.** Our dental practices in Wales will be able to see more patients from 1st July. We will be able to see you if you are experiencing dental pain or other problems that need to be addressed by a dentist in person. We are prioritising patients in need, including anyone who has suffered pain during lockdown. Please do not try to book a routine appointment, such as a check-up, just yet. We will advise you when you can. Please don't visit our practices for any reason unless you are asked to do so. Speak to us if you need support. If you do suffer dental pain, or need advice from a dentist, please call us. We are available to offer you advice and support. If you are visiting a practice for an appointment there are some changes you need to know about for your safety. Please [view our safety information here](#). Please contact the practice for their current opening times 01547 520129

**...from Powys CC.** We are developing our plans for learners with additional learning needs, and we want to know what you think about our plans. You can let us know what you think using the link below: <https://crowd.in/CaGkbd>

**PACDG – the Presteigne Area Community Development Group... “Working together for the Community”**

**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).**