

GOVERNMENT **STAY ALERT** GUIDANCE ENGLAND

from <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> Friday 5th June 2020—no change since last week

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- ◆ Stay at home as much as possible
- ◆ Work from home if you can
- ◆ Limit contact with other people
- ◆ Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- ◆ Wash your hands regularly

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms (high temperature/fever, new continuous cough, loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste).

Please check the government website for updates regularly.

NHS TEST AND TRACE ENGLAND

from <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works> on 05-06-20
(no change since last week)

The NHS Test and Trace service is designed to help to control the rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of the infection and save lives.

- ◇ If you develop symptoms, you must continue to follow the rules to self-isolate with other members of your household and order a test to find out if you have coronavirus. Go to www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call **119**.
- ◇ If you test positive for coronavirus, you must share information promptly about your recent contacts through the NHS test and trace service to help them alert other people who may need to self-isolate.
- ◇ If you have had close recent contact with someone who has coronavirus, you must self-isolate if the NHS test and trace service advises you to.

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WEEDON CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Update 9 5th June 2020

This will probably be the last full update that will be formatted and printed. Important update information will be sent out via email, and put on the Weedon website at <http://www.weedonbucks.org.uk>.

That doesn't mean we have stopped the support for those who need it. We're still here to help.

Inside you'll find a message of thanks from Nicolette and Francis to everyone who has rallied round in Weedon during this very difficult time.

The rest of us in the Support Group would like to thank THEM for their calm, thoughtful and effective handling of the volunteer effort. They have been outstanding leaders.

We wish every one of you in the village and all your loved ones health and happiness, and hope we can all adjust together to the "new normal" as it develops.

Weedon Community Support Group

STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS AND SAVE LIVES

VOLUNTEER NETWORK

We are here to help!
Contact Nicolette Habgood

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VOLUNTEER UPDATE AND THANK-YOU

from Nicolette and Francis Habgood

Nicolette writes:

A massive **Thank You** to everybody who has helped during the Covid crisis.

We had over 50 individuals who made contact to offer a wide range of help, from the buying of provisions and collection of prescriptions to making phone calls and offering free eggs! What a fabulous community we have in Weedon. Everybody has played their part but I would particularly like to publicly thank a few individuals.

Dr Rebecca McKenzie for delivering prescriptions at the end of her busy working day.

Jane Measures for organising and managing the brilliant 'plant swap' scheme.

Sarah Gibbs for keeping us updated about the church services and the food bank scheme.

Helen McIntyre for researching delivery services and helping with the food bank scheme.

John and Carol Slee for a delicious pub takeaway service.

Joanna Rose for writing the weekly update and keeping us all informed and up to date, and

Wendy Kett for hand-delivering all the printed copies (over 30) every week.

And, all the key workers, teachers, police officers, firefighters, NHS staff, super-market workers, delivery people and everybody who has managed to keep working through the lockdown.

THANK YOU!

SUCCESS OF THE PLANT SWAP

including over £300 for Cancer Research

Jane Measures writes:

We started with a small group of people and some potato sets that were spares for some and gold dust to others—and ended up with over 700 edible and ornamental plants exchanged between 30 gardens over 7 weeks.

A bonus was a suggestion made by some of our recipients that we should collect some money for charity, and thanks to the generosity of donors and recipients alike, we raised £315 (and still counting) for Cancer Research.

The most popular plant in Weedon this season is the **FERN** and thanks to Martin and Jane Kemp for supplying so many that found their way into 13 gardens!!

Thanks to everyone who joined in—it has made for a very happy start to each week for me.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE (ENGLAND)

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

WE ARE STILL IN LOCKDOWN. The main *STAY ALERT* messages have not changed since last week—see back page.

However, as announced, there has been some easing of conditions in England by the government. Detailed information is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/>.

These FAQs tell you about the limited number of additional things **YOU CAN DO** in England that you could not do before:

- ✓ Spend time outdoors, including private gardens and other outdoor spaces, in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines.
- ✓ Visit car showrooms and outdoor markets.
- ✓ (Depending on your school) Send your child to school or nursery if they are in early years, reception, year 1 or year 6, if you could not before.

At all times, you should continue to adhere to strict social distancing guidelines when you are outside your home, particularly ensuring you are two metres away from anyone outside your household.

YOU CANNOT

- ⊗ Visit friends and family inside their homes.
- ⊗ Stay overnight away from your own home (except in a limited set of circumstances, such as for work).
- ⊗ Exercise in an indoor sports court, gym or leisure centre, or go swimming in a public pool.
- ⊗ Use an outdoor gym or playground.
- ⊗ Gather outdoors in a group of more than six (excluding members of your own household).

If you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating, you should stay at home and arrange for a coronavirus test under the NHS Test and Trace system (see back page).

LOCAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE

Sarah Gibbs writes:

Unfortunately, for the present time, the Chapel in Weedon and our partner church, St Mary's in Hardwick, remain closed to the public. We know that many of you miss our regular church services but there are several ways in which you can keep up with worship online:

- ◇ To see David Meakin and other Schorne Team ministers in action, log on to **Facebook** and search for: **The Schorne Team Of Parishes**. This is a public group which you need to join and a moderator will accept you as part of the group. There is a live-stream service on a Sunday, with service sheets for you to print. Services are uploaded to YouTube afterwards for viewing at any time.
- ◇ Further prayers and information are on the Schorne Team website: <http://www.schorneteam.co.uk/prayerfeeds.php>.
- ◇ Live-streamed and 'as live' worship is available for everyone across the Diocese of Oxford. These services complement the prayers, meditations and worship offered by local churches. The principal Diocesan services take place at 10 am each Sunday: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>.
- ◇ There are also prayers and some streamed Methodist services on <https://www.aylesburymethodists.org.uk/>.
- ◇ The Vineyard Church in Aylesbury, <https://aylesburyvineyard.church/live> is streaming Sunday services. These are also available on YouTube and Facebook, as is a midday prayer each day.

The churches in Weedon and Hardwick continue to incur the costs of upkeep despite not being open. Thank you to the many villagers who continue with generous monthly donations which are gratefully received. If you would like to help in any way with either a one-off gift or a more regular financial donation, please contact Sarah Gibbs on 07545 350035/sarahgibbshome@gmail.com.

ANSWERS: DINGBATS QUIZ 2

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| 1. Don't talk back | 2. Long John Silver | 3. A cut above the rest | 4. Potatoes |
| 5. Palindrome | 6. Long time no see | 7. Misunderstanding | 8. The Three Musketeers |
| 9. A hole in one | 10. A square meal | | |

VILLAGE REMINDERS

PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY is now restricted to those who are shielding or self-isolating.

FIVE ELMS continues to operate daily food takeaway/re-heat service. Limited drinks on offer now, too— drop in a named 2-litre container for draught cider or beer, and buy bottles of Merlot or Pinot Grigio wine. Call 01296 641439.

WEEDON VENUES STILL CLOSED are Children's Playground, Old Schoolroom, Weedon Chapel, Hardwick Church.

WEEDON CHARITIES give financial help to Weedon villagers in need. Contact Wendy Kett, clerk to Lord Fortescue's and Dr John Bridle's charities on 01296 640366 or email w.kett@btinternet.com.

WEEDON-MADE FABRIC MASKS. Beverley Jones of Rectory Farm will make you a fabric mask in return for a charity donation. 01296 640747 or bspikej@aol.com.

WASTE SERVICES. Regular collections are back to normal, including brown bins. Aston Clinton and Rabans Lane household tips are open. But to reduce pressure on the tips, "reasonable" amounts of cardboard put alongside your recycling bin will be collected from next week.

CYBER FRAUD AND FALSE INFORMATION

There are new scams being reported every week. The latest is scammers saying they are calling from NHS Track and Trace, requesting your mailing details to send you a testing kit, and then asking for £500 payment.

- ⊗ DON'T engage with anyone calling unexpectedly on the phone, who cannot fully identify themselves. Just put the phone down—politely or not!
- ⊗ DON'T click on links in unexpected emails or texts.
- ⊗ DON'T share false information on social media.

Report texts by forwarding to 7726, which spells SPAM on your keypad.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber-crime, report it to [Action Fraud online](#) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

CHECK PREVIOUS WEEDON UPDATES at

[WEEDON CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP UPDATES](#)

Resource links will still be helpful, but be aware that some information will be out-dated.

LOCAL SHOPPING

TESCO SHIELDING DELIVERY SLOTS

If you are shielding and have not yet managed to get a supermarket delivery service, then it might be worth calling Tesco on 0800 917 7359 as they have reserved priority delivery slots.

DAVE'S FRESH FISH IN WEEDON

Dave stops in Weedon on Tuesdays with fish fresh from Grimsby. His usual schedule is East End 1-1.30pm and then outside the 5 Elms 1.30-2pm. <https://grimsbyfishnearyou.co.uk/mobilefishmongers/profile/davidmountford>. Contact Helen McIntyre for more information.

HOLY COW

Poonam Gupta from Rectory Farm runs this shop in Cambridge Street, Aylesbury and online <https://www.holycowhome.co.uk/>. Poonam is offering a discount of 20% and free delivery to Weedon residents (online code WVA20%). The shop is re-opening with full Covid precautions on 17th June, and loose-leaf teas are a new addition to her offering.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE

Go to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/> for up-to-date information on local services as the emergency continues.

NEW More grants for small businesses

The Government is making additional funding available to allow Buckinghamshire Council to further support small businesses in Bucks.

The fund can award up to £10,000 to eligible businesses that have not already received financial support through other schemes such as the Small Business Grants Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants Fund. It is being administered by Buckinghamshire Business First. Go to <https://bbf.uk.com/covid-19>.

FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Leave items in the Chapel porch Sat 6th/Sun 7th

Following on the success of previous occasions, there will be an opportunity to leave donations of groceries and toiletries in the porch of the Methodist Chapel on Aston Abbots Road over this coming weekend (6 and 7 June).

All items will be taken to the Storehouse at the Vineyard Church in Aylesbury, where the volunteers are extremely grateful for our help. At present, they are after **UHT milk, tins of fruit and veg**—including tinned tomatoes and potatoes—**rice, soup** and **pasta sauces**. They also collect egg boxes to give out fresh eggs.

If you need assistance in organising anything, then please let us know, and use this link if you want to make a financial donation online directly to the Storehouse for use in buying food and provisions: <https://aylesburyvineyard.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/2>. Thank you!

Sarah (07545 350035/sarahgibbshome@gmail.com)

Helen (640383/helsmcintyre@gmail.com)

WEEDON PARK

Following a site visit this week, five parish councillors have formulated a plan to re-open the Park green space. The playground would be closed off with green mesh fencing from hedge to hedge, and signs would reinforce the necessity for 2m social distancing in accordance with government guidance.

An extraordinary online meeting of Weedon Parish Council has been convened with proper notice for 10am on Monday 8th June to discuss this proposal, which is expected to be agreed. The meeting notice is at <http://www.weedonbucks.org.uk/index.php/parish-council/forthcoming-meetings>.

If the Parish Council agrees the proposal, the Park (not the playground) will re-open later on Monday.

REPAIRS TO ASTON ABBOTTS ROAD, WEEDON

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th June

We've just heard that Transport for Bucks are going to carry out repairs to the surface of Aston Abbots Road next week. It certainly needs doing! The scheduled dates are Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th June. The road will be subject to 24-hour/7-day closures except for access.