

Dear Parishioner,

Please find below useful updates.

- **Council [website updates](#)** on how Coronavirus is affecting our services, with sections on community and social care, council services and business support, transport and leisure plus links to national guidance.
- Herefordshire Council's funding and enterprise officers are monitoring closely any funding and grant support which is becoming available to support the vital effort of local communities at this time. **Current [funding opportunities](#)** and business support for community, voluntary sector and statutory projects in Herefordshire. Of particular interest may be the **Fastershire 'Keep Connected' grant** to help adapt and continue to deliver their services remotely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The grant, worth up to £500 for new software subscriptions, online platforms or technology, is available to any not-for-profit groups or organisations, including charities, community groups and Parish/town councils. Please note that applications for laptops are likely to be refused. If local organisations need advice on funding applications, Elaine Edwards and Dave Tristram can be contacted through [projectdevelopment@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:projectdevelopment@herefordshire.gov.uk) and are prioritising enquiries from those needing support and advice on funding linked to COVID-19.
- **Talk community Covid 19 response.** Herefordshire Council are working with a number of key strategic partners and communities to help support elderly, frail, disabled, and vulnerable people and families in Herefordshire. As part of Talk Community, Link workers (redeployed council staff), may be in touch with you to ensure connectivity with local initiatives. The Talk Community helpline is 01432 260027.
- **[WISH Herefordshire](#)** is a useful source of information, including local food stores / deliveries and virtual exercises and activities to do at home.
- **Stay at home, save lives poster** easy print version is attached for local use.

Best regards  
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**Herefordshire.gov.uk**  **Talk  
Community**

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