

WEALDEN COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE 20/11/2020

- In the past two weeks, Wealden's Community Hub team have telephoned over 800 residents (specifically those who had previously asked for our support in the first lockdown) to ensure they are okay and being supported. It's been a very positive and rewarding exercise with the vast majority of residents coping well and we've been able help those that need a little more support.
- Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities - The Government has updated guidance (17th November) for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities on safely re-opening multi-purpose buildings in line with national restrictions. Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>
- Mobile testing units are to return to Uckfield Railway station car park on the 28th, 29th and 30th November. Booking is advised through the national testing portal <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- National letters for CEV people - All the letters from the national government to clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) people have now been posted. If people have yet to receive theirs they can contact their GP, who may be able to issue the letter directly.
- National restrictions - The new national Covid restrictions started on 5th November and run until 2 December. At that point, the Government will look to return to a regional approach. In this period, people must:
 - 1) Stay at home, except for specific purposes.
 - 2) Avoid meeting people they do not live with, except for specific purposes.
 - 3) Close certain businesses and venues.

An issues and guidance document has been updated to reflect the changes, so please do have a read through of that too when you have time [Read the guidance on GOV.UK](#)
- Care home visiting guidance - The national government has issued new guidance to support visiting in care homes during the period of increased national restrictions (5 Nov – 2 Dec 2020). This supersedes previous guidance on visiting policies for care homes and the local visiting framework.
- The NHS Volunteer Responders scheme remains open to registration for volunteers. Further details can be found here; <https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/i-want-to-volunteer>
- Lastly, a big thanks to those of you who attended the conference earlier this week, it was great to see so many faces, albeit virtually!

Please do continue to spread awareness that the Wealden Community Hub is able to obtain priority delivery slots and give advice on access to food if residents are struggling. I hope this information is of assistance and please note that these emails are an interpretation of government guidelines which can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>