

Churt Parish Council Special Newsletter - January 2021

Covid-19 and Churt Community Support Group Update

I am sure that you will all be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement last night that we are again to commence a National lock down from midnight tonight, 5th January 2021. The latest strain of Covid-19 is rampant and the infection rate must be brought under control. We can all contribute and provided that we

do, we shall get through this. We must all adhere with the following and I would please urge you all to do so:

We must not leave, or be outside of our homes except where necessary. We may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your <u>support</u> or <u>childcare bubble</u> where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare for those eligible

It is not all bad news, however. There is now a strong light at the end of the tunnel with the roll out of the Pfizer and Oxford vaccines. I am convinced that should we all comply with the lock down rules and please remember the basics of stay at home, wash hands, keep a social distance of 2 meters and protect the NHS we shall beat this thing within the next few months.

In the meantime, though I am sure that most of you have arrangements in place, the **Churt Community Support Group** is still in existence and ready to assist those people who may be shielding or otherwise vulnerable, with their essential shopping, collection of prescriptions etc. The number is **07760 473067**. Please leave a message and the duty officer will get back to you as soon as possible.

There is light and hope. This is very different from previous lock downs and is designed to work in conjunction with the vaccination programme.

WE CAN AND WILL BEAT THIS!

With very best wishes to you all. David Crossley. Chairman

