



WENDOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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10th July 2020

Dear Wardens,

Good Neighbourhood Scheme – Transition of duties/responsibilities from 1st August (post shielding watershed)

I last wrote to you on the 23rd June confirming the Council's intentions to maintain the WGNS beyond this crisis and I look forward to your further inputs once we commence our lessons learned review of Wendover's Covid 19 experience to date. Meanwhile, we must consider the here and now and our approach on easing the incredible support provided by the Wardens.

The 1st August is a watershed for the formally shielded. For many it will be a gratefully received opportunity to return to some form of normality, for others the new normal will be extremely daunting but they will cope and there is another group of individuals who will have a continuing need for support from the statutory authorities who are responsible for social care. It is important that if we think that anyone we know of is being left behind in this process that we highlight that fact.

So, what does this mean for the Wardens and Drivers? The Regional Wardens have agreed a two-week transition period to the 15th August during which the current support offered through the warden scheme, including home deliveries for shopping, will be withdrawn for all residents. The transition period will enable you to engage with the shielding residents, explain the change in support and offer reassurances that the WGNS will be ready should circumstances change for the worst.

Many of us will no doubt continue to support our friends and neighbours on an informal basis if that is necessary and the GNS will respond as required to any future emerging community need as well as another spike or second wave.

The Parish Clerk will be engaging with the authorities to ensure they are aware of the transition and that necessary support is maintained. He will also be reviewing the many issues and suggestions highlighted by yourselves, businesses, and residents throughout the crisis with the Community Board and working to get them addressed, so we can be ready should there be another need.

Meanwhile, many thanks again for your continued support and please let me know if you have any concerns relating to these arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Walsh
Chairman Wendover Parish Council