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HARTWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CRISIS

Dear Resident of Hartwell

The Hartwell Community Centre (“HCC”) is coordinating a parish-wide response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis following a successful application for short term financial support provided by the Northamptonshire Community Foundation Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund.

Our response is primarily to support High Risk and Vulnerable individuals who are self-isolating with a safety net during this time. General Hartwell residents who are self-isolating can also request support if required.

WHAT IS PROPOSED

As existing social and individual care plans are put under pressure, it is likely that community-based networks will increasingly be used to provide local support for those that need it. For example, at the time of writing this, families displaying Covid-19 symptoms will need to self-isolate and the government has recommended self-isolation for people over the age of 70 and those with underlying health issues, or who are pregnant.

As such, many community organisations are reaching out to their residents to provide vital support for those that may need it during the Covid-19 emergency. It is not intended to replace any measures that you have already put in place (such as home deliveries of food/medicine), rather, by letting us know of your needs, you can feel safe in the knowledge that you have a back-up mechanism in the unlikely event that your existing arrangements are compromised in some way.

It may be that you have not made any provision for home delivery of food and other supplies before self-isolation – in this case just send us your details and we can help. It also allows for volunteers to help residents find a solution for any needs that are totally unexpected during self-isolation, which under the circumstances could be particularly stressful. It also provides a mechanism for residents to simply talk to someone if they are feeling lonely.

Public Health England has advised for everyone to ensure that they plan for every eventuality during the Covid-19 emergency, even if you may not consider that you are currently at risk, as it is unclear how the situation will develop with time. For example, you may already have someone that you can rely on to help you as you self-isolate, but they themselves may have to self-isolate at some point leaving you in a vulnerable position. We can offer you a safety net.

To co-ordinate the response, we need to know who may need our help and what assistance you require.

We are therefore asking residents to register with us if you are in following groups:

- People aged over 70 who are self-isolating
- Vulnerable/High Risk people of all ages in self-isolation (www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable)
- Residents who are self isolating who are not in the two above categories are welcome to register with us if you feel you need support

HOW TO REGISTER WITH US:

- E-Mail (Preferred method) : **Covid19.Hartwell@gmail.com**
- Text/Whatsapp/Call: **07391 078599**

We will need your name, address and contact details.

We need to know what your current situation is and what help you may need assistance with.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER REGISTRATION

We will contact each individual who has registered with us to understand what assistance you may require and to pair each individual with one of volunteers who will make regular contact with yourselves and facilitate any assistance you may require

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOW/NO INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Depending on your personal circumstances, you may also qualify for a free food parcel from the South Northamptonshire Emergency Food Larder. To apply for this, you must be a low or no income household (financially going to struggle to get food) with one or more of the following:

- Older person (over 70yrs)
- Life limiting conditions
- Drug or alcohol addiction
- Physical health problems
- Mental health problems
- Ex-service personnel
- Long-term unemployed
- Lone parents


If you believe you can qualify for a free food parcel, please also register with us and will arrange for an application form to be sent to you

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The HCC needs volunteers to help us deliver our response. If you would like to help in any way, please do contact us by any of the methods provided in this letter. We will need help in the following areas: runners for home delivery, picking up shopping, a friendly phone call, posting mail etc.

I hope this initiative assists in some way with the ongoing crisis that we face. If it helps just one person, then it will be a success!

Stay In & Stay Safe



Kieran Gray
(Chair – Hartwell Community Centre)