

ROBERTSBRIDGE & SALEHURST HELPING HANDS



As the summer draws to a close we thought it was time for an update on the local situation with regard to Covid-19 and work being undertaken around it in the Parish, to reassure everyone young and old that we are still here for you.

The work of the street champions, which has been invaluable during lockdown, is now easing off. However, we still have an active list of street champions as there may be further restrictions in the future. If you have moved to the village since the start of lockdown, Helping Hands can provide you with the name of your street champion. If you need anything please make a request through Helping Hands on 07726 592739 or contact your street champion directly.

Some of you may know Helping Hands has a prescription team in place who are continuing to deliver prescriptions to those who need it. The work of the team has slowed a little, but we want to reassure people this service will continue as long as it is needed into the future.

Helping Hands also has a telephone team of volunteers, who have been making calls to the shielded and those self isolating and anyone else fancying a natter. This team will continue to operate as the nights draw in. If you would like someone to call you, please ring Helping Hands on 07726 592739 and they will match you with one of the team.

The Helping Hands website has been kept up to date throughout the Covid crisis by our fabulous volunteers and includes all sorts of helpful information www.robertsbridgehelpinghands.co.uk, we have also been posting links to information through the Robertsbridge Family Info Facebook page. We recognise that not everyone is on Facebook, so if you have any suggestions about how we might contact you, please email info@robertsbridgehelpinghands.co.uk or ring the number above.

Now that there is greater movement around the area and the hospitals are open for business other than Covid, Helping Hands are starting to get requests for transport. We hope to be up and running with transport from 1st October and we will be putting clear guidelines in place to ensure this service can be provided safely for both volunteers and villagers.

The shops in the village have been doing a great job ensuring that residents have had deliveries where necessary and have ensured a supply of life's essentials. All shops and businesses in the village are now up and running and have safety measures in place, so it is a great chance to support your local businesses and keep them going for the future. The village market is also trading outdoors at the moment, the first Saturday of the month.

All of our main village events for this year have sadly been cancelled in these uncertain times, but will be back next year bigger and better. During the Christmas period we will still be decorating the village with trees and ensuring a fabulous festive display, making being in the village a delight. All shops and businesses will do their bit to ensure you can take the opportunity to get all your festive needs in one place.

The Parish Council will continue to work closely with Helping Hands and other partners in the village to ensure villagers stay as safe as possible and are kept up to date with everything you need to be a vibrant friendly community in these difficult times.

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