



Gloucestershire Community Update

There has been an amazing response from Gloucestershire communities coming together staying socially connected during the global pandemic.

Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams are engaging more in communities forging relationships and connections.

Reflective Restorative Question: *'What has been the hardest thing for you?'* You would ask someone who was harmed or affected by someone's actions or behaviours with COVID-19 it's not a person it's a virus and we've all been affected in some way.

The information below is some examples of the help and support in Gloucestershire. Many of us are checking in via telephone, social media, 'virtual' to name a few with friends, family and neighbours some of whom you may have not talked to for a while or in some cases never connected to before.

Gloucestershire's Community Help Hub

Gloucestershire's councils and partners have created a community hub to connect people who need help, with others who can provide the support they need.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershires-community-help-hub/>

Councils across the county have come together with the police and health partners to create the hub to connect local people who need help, with individuals, groups and businesses who can provide support they need.

To help those in your local area who may need some support, both practical and emotional. You can find out what is happening in each district- Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Stroud, Forest of Dean, and Cotswolds.

Gloucestershire Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) Alliance

The Gloucestershire VCS Alliance has a mission to be the independent voice that informs, strengthens and develops the voluntary and community sector in Gloucestershire.

<http://www.glosvcsalliance.org.uk/>

There is ongoing collaboration between VCS and the police.

Gloucestershire Coronavirus Emergency Appeal

Gloucestershire Community Foundation is acutely aware of the challenges facing Gloucestershire organisations that are working so hard to support the most vulnerable people in the county during these difficult and unprecedented times.

<https://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk/appeal/gloucestershire-coronavirus-appeal>

Information about Gloucestershire Community Foundation

<https://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk/>

Community Alerts

If not already sign up to your Community Alerts is Gloucestershire Constabulary's new, free messaging system that enables residents, businesses and community groups to participate in a two-way exchange of information about what is happening throughout the county.

<https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC)

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council aim to strengthen and champion community action throughout the county.

<https://www.grcc.org.uk/>

<https://www.grcc.org.uk/news-events/news-events/post/170-covid19-support-in-gloucestershire>

Children's Commissioner of England

Children's guide to coronavirus to help explain the situation keeps them and others safe.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/childrens-guide-to-coronavirus/>

Some Examples of Gloucestershire Groups offering practical help, advice and support

Search Localised Groups in your area:

There are a number of Community Mutual Aid Groups being set up across the country.

<https://covidmutualaid.org/local-groups/>

Keeping Young People Safe:

Young Gloucestershire and Infobuzz will be working with the police in partnership to educate and disperse young people to ensure they are safe.

<https://www.youngglos.org.uk/coronavirus>

Age UK Gloucestershire:

Offering support see link below

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/gloucestershire/>

Telephone 0800 298 0579

Gloucestershire Guide Post Trust:

Stay connected

<https://guideposts.org.uk/>

<https://guideposts.org.uk/stay-connected/>

Telephone 0800 0480 7035

Play Gloucestershire:

Virtual Play Rangers

<https://playgloucestershire.org.uk/>

Gloucestershire Deaf Association:

www.gda.org.uk/coronavirus-update

Staying Active:

Sport England #StayinWorkout

<https://www.sportengland.org/stayinworkout>

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Government launches Coronavirus Information Service on WhatsApp

The Government have brought in an official telephone number for use on WhatsApp for members of the public to receive up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

The number is 07860 064422

The link to the webpage is <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-coronavirus-information-service-on-whatsapp>

Other sources of news

IIRP NEWS: During the COVID-19 crises, restorative practices can help.

Link: <https://www.iirp.edu/news/during-the-covid-19-crisis-restorative-practices-can-help>

Clinks weekly ebulletin 'Light lunch' is available to everyone, simply go to their website and in the top right corner click 'subscribe' or alternatively use this link <https://www.clinks.org/subscribe> and follow the guidance.

Why Me? Has begun a weekly newsletter, to sign up follow the link: <https://why-me.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=b2f4aacf9e2ebbfd9ff8f991&id=3687aad404>

The Howard League for Penal Reform also has a newsletter you can sign up for using this link: <https://howardleague.org/about-us/sign-up-to-our-email-updates/>

Distance Socialising – retain some sort of connection to ask for help when needed #TogetherApart

Most importantly stay isolated, stay safe and be kind.