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WINTON: PULLING TOGETHER

Dozens of local volunteers help people in need

The public response to the coronavirus pandemic in Winton has been overwhelming.

48 volunteers signed up in Winton East ward alone to help with BCP Council's "Together We Can" programme. They have helped to **collect essential medications** and **deliver food supplies to people in need**, as well as directing people to other services.

Thousands of postcards were delivered to the most vulnerable throughout BCP and left in high street outlets, to help get the message out to those not online.

Simon Bull said: "As a volunteer I was asked to help three different residents. For one I simply picked up and dropped off a food parcel from the food bank.



Chris Rigby was one of those distributing posters and postcards, getting out the message about support available from "awesome" volunteers in Winton

"We would like to say a massive thank you to the volunteers and community figures who have become local Covid champions."

"For the other two I did shopping trips: collecting the list, doing the shopping and dropping it off. Nothing too challenging, except finding all the items! It was lovely to be able to **help vulnerable people and do something**. Many other people were and are doing similar and more demanding tasks. Others took over from me when my family had to temporarily isolate."

CAN YOU HELP THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE?

- Volunteers can register at the Community Action Network website: tinyurl.com/TWCVols
- Businesses can register offers of support at communities@bcpcouncil.gov.uk
- For further info, search online: **BCP Together We Can how can I help**

COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT STILL AVAILABLE



Even as many parts of lockdown are eased, there are still many people in Winton who will have to self-isolate.

If you're self-isolating with no family or friends on hand to help, **you are not alone**.

BCP Council continues its **dedicated helpline and online information for vulnerable local people**, which can put you in touch with local volunteers, council staff and others. Help is available with:

- Deliveries of food and other essentials
- Advice about access to food
- Loneliness and wellbeing issues
- Prescription collection.

The helpline number is **0300 1237052**. Its opening hours are now **9am-5pm, Monday to Friday**.

OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPORT

- Local Facebook groups:
 - Covid-19 Community Support Group – Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole
 - Bournemouth Daily Echo coronavirus community group
- Mental health advice from Mind: tinyurl.com/MHAdvice
- Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 200 0247 (24 hours)

WINTON LIBRARY GARDENS: OPEN AGAIN FOR YOU TO ENJOY

The front section of **Winton Library Gardens reopened** earlier this year (*pictured, before lockdown*). This followed sustained campaigning by local Green councillors Simon Bull and Chris Rigby.

Work continues on measures towards getting the sunken back section altered and reopened too.



THE GREAT "HUMAN PAUSE": WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN LOCALLY?

Researchers have launched an initiative to track wildlife before, during and after the coronavirus lockdown. They're calling it the "anthropause" – the **global-scale, temporary slowdown in human activity**, likely to have a profound impact on other species. Measuring this impact will, researchers say, reveal ways in which we can "share our increasingly overcrowded planet".

Councillor Chris Rigby says: "**What changes have you noticed over recent months? Let me know!** [*contact details below*]"

"Here in Bournemouth I saw an adder for the first time in years, and a sand lizard, while Simon saw a young male deer in Winton. I've had more birds visiting my garden, and a friend heard and saw three pairs of nightjars."

CAN WE HELP?

Councillor surgery sessions currently not possible. But please **do get in touch:**



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TEMPORARY LOCKDOWN MEASURES IN WINTON PRIORITISED SAFETY OVER TRAFFIC

Pavements were widened in Wimborne Road during lockdown to allow safe distancing

In the busiest section of Wimborne Road during lockdown this Spring, traffic cones were used to **mark off part of the road to widen pavements**.

This **allowed pedestrians to queue for shops and to pass in both directions while still keeping physical distance**.

Local Green Councillor Simon Bull said: "I was pleased to see these temporary measures in the centre of Winton, which **prioritised people's health and safety over cars** at the height of the coronavirus crisis.

"Amid the devastating conditions of lockdown, this provided an interesting glimpse into a future where we could **move away from the car-dominated public realm** that we have, to a more multi-modal use of space.

"I would have liked to see the measures go further to **ensure people's safety, particularly at busy junctions** like the one with Withermoor Road, where cars speed round the corners. **Parking on the road could also have been restricted** in this area."



Wimborne Road during lockdown: Pavement stickers reminded people to keep 2m apart, and to keep left for easier flow of movement

LOCAL HOMELESS SUPPORTED INTO LONGER-TERM ACCOMMODATION DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

At least **222 homeless people in our conurbation have been helped into accommodation** since the start of the coronavirus crisis. Many of those people are now being **supported into longer-term suitable accommodation**. Empty hotels plus extra Government funding has enabled BCP Council to make a long-term difference for homeless people. One local man who is now in a flat told the BBC he felt safe for the first time in years.

Councillor Chris Rigby commented: "I'm incredibly proud of everyone who's been working on this, which has been especially tricky in the circumstances."

Concerned for someone who's rough sleeping? St Mungo's 01202 315962

SIMON & CHRIS: WORKING HARD AND KEEPING YOU INFORMED ALL YEAR ROUND