

REPORT TO SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL **APRIL 2020**

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GENERAL OCC REPORT

First, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the PCs and the Community Volunteers who have stepped up and organised local support groups. All contact details have been submitted to Oxfordshire County Council and entered on a central database.

Secondly, I would like to provide some useful contact details and sources of information:

- Our most vulnerable residents are those that are being advised to “shield” themselves. If a resident falls into that [category](#) they should have been contacted directly. If you are aware of anyone who thinks they should fall into that group, but have not been contacted, they are recommended to contact their doctor.
- It is expected that many of those extremely vulnerable people who have been advised to “shield” themselves will have their own local support mechanism but some will not have support and OCC/SODC have set up a dedicated contact point so they can get the help they need:
 - Tel: 01865 89 78 20 (available Mon-Fri, 8.30am to 8pm, Sat-Sun 9am to 5pm)
 - Email: shield@oxfordshire.gov.uk
 - More details [here](#)
- If in your volunteering you find residents who are not in the shielded group, but who are nonetheless vulnerable and you are very concerned about their mental or physical welfare, you can contact OCC’s Adult Social Care Team on:
 - Tel: 0345 050 7666 (open Mon-Thu 8.30am to 5pm, Friday 8.30am to 4pm)
 - Outside of those hours, 0800 833 408
- [Oxfordshire All In](#) is the go-to volunteers’ web site for the County. It allows groups and individual to sign up and, most importantly, it has an interactive map that allows vulnerable residents to find local support. OCC/SODC are working very closely with them. Local businesses that are providing essential support for their local communities with grocery deliveries, takeaway food etc, are also encouraged to register so residents can find them. Please do promote Oxfordshire All In to all of your residents – it will be a very valuable resource in the weeks ahead.
- If you are already seeing people suffering from increased anxiety – or you do at a future date – the following may be helpful:
 - As local groups, you may want to set up some ‘phone buddies’. This is helpful to those who want to volunteer, but can’t necessarily go outside themselves. Loneliness and isolation will be a very real problem for some people during the lockdown.
 - [Public Health England](#) has launched a really useful website and phone service for those with mental health issues due to Coronavirus.
 - [Every Mind Matters](#) is a good source of advice to signpost people to
 - Citizens Advice are adapting their social prescribing service to offer help for those worried about Covid-19. The Community Connect team have a dedicated phone line, helping those suffering with anxiety, giving advice on how to keep well at home and sign posting other support networks available. They can be contacted through GPs or you can self-refer by calling 0300 004 04 01

- Age UK are also running a telephone buddies scheme. A new help-line number has been launched to offer a reassuring voice and advice to older people concerned about implications of self-isolating. Call 01865 411 288, leave your name and phone number and a trained call handler will call you back.
- Getting timely and accurate information is also vital and the following links may be useful:
 - Nationally: www.gov.uk/coronavirus
 - Locally: [SODC](#) & [OCC News & Updates](#)

Finally, thank you again for your efforts and do please contact me if there is anything I can do to assist you.

SPECIFIC OCC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

INCORRECT RE-LINING SUBSEQUENT TO SURFACE DRESSING AT MILL ROAD

Subsequent to the surface dressing of Mill Road, yellow line re-lining has been done incorrectly. There are now single yellow lines in front of what used to be called Sydney Harrison House (prior to re-build), and no lines or single line in front of the neighbouring new properties. All this should be double yellow lines. (It appears the contractor was following an old plan that did not take into account the new order that recently came into force.) The contractor has acknowledged the error and remediation works will take place at no cost to OCC.

RELOCATION OF 'LOWER SHIPLAKE' SIGN ON A4155

The boundary between Shiplake Parish and Harpsden in part runs along the A4155. Travelling south from Henley towards Shiplake the village sign is currently positioned opposite to the entrance to the former Wyevale Garden Centre. Just past this on the right hand (west) side the new housing estate is being built at Thames Farm. This estate is in Harpsden parish and will have a Harpsden address, thus the current position of the sign will be confusing for residents and visitors. The proposal is that the sign is relocated near the start of Shiplake proper, probably near Highlands House just before the left turning into Station Road. Harpsden PC has voted unanimously to support this proposal and I would like to know the views of Shiplake PC.

POTENTIAL FOOTPATH AT SHIPLAKE CROSS

I arranged for officers to contact the PC to discuss the feasibility and cost of the proposal. I would appreciate an update on the situation as I have allocated £3450 towards the cost using my Councillor Priority Fund.

REPAIRS TO MILL LANE VERGES

As previously reported, the agent of the owners of Lock End wrote to the PC on 13 February giving an undertaking to repair the damage to the verges in Mill Lane caused by construction traffic. I have advised OCC Highways of this and a Highways liaison officer will be nominated.

TIMETABLE AND BUS STOP SIGN OPPOSITE THE PLOWDEN ARMS MISSING

As reported in December, I have obtained agreement from officers for the removal of the concrete post and installation of a new pole, flag and timetable case. I recently chased this and was advised that a budget allocation was still being awaited.

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There are no items.