

Update on the Parish Councils response to Covid 19

August has seen very few requests for assistance; as those who were shielding, now being told that they can now venture out with caution. Plus many of the supermarkets and pharmacies have now improved the service they offer, especially when it comes to delivering. The Co-op in Stonehouse is still assisting (with the help of our volunteers) with a service to those who would struggle due to lack of transport and online facilities. If anyone is having issues with accessing shopping or prescriptions (or other services), then please get in touch as there are many wonderful volunteers that are still willing to step up and assist if/when they are needed again.

LSPC worked with Kings Stanley Parish Council to provide a treat for the children each week in August. With funding kindly provided by Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council, through the support of Cllrs Loraine Patrick, Steve Robinson, Steve Lydon and Nigel Studdert-Kennedy. Between 70 and 90 children attended each week and were given at least one large slice of pizza, cake, a piece of fruit, a packet of crisps and a bottle of water (plus small goody bags on the last week). We received some lovely feedback with many of the same faces turning up each week having arranged a 'social distancing' meet up with their friends. Our thanks to Fat Tonis Pizzeria, Baillies Bakery, PCSO Liz Ward, Neighbourhood Wardens Kate Markwick and Carol Novoth, plus Hannah Clarke and a special thanks to Carmel Ponsford the Clerk for KSPC.

The Parish Council is assisting with the production of the Leonard Stanley Newsletter; which is continuing to be available online and a copy posted on the noticeboards. Whilst the newsletter is online, it does bring about the advantages of being able to include colour to the editions, which means that photographs can easily be included.

The Village Hall has carried out their risk assessments and has put in place measures to allow them to open; however the advice from NALC is for Parish Councils is to continue to meet online rather than physical meetings at the moment.

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