

# Malvern Hills District Council

## PARISH NEWS UPDATE



We hope that you, your councillors and residents continue to stay safe. We aim to provide you with monthly updates for the time being but Claire continues to be a point of contact for you, should you need anything.

We produce these newsletters for Parish and Town Councils in the Malvern Hills District and we produce separate bulletins for residents. Residents can sign up for our e-bulletins at [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/emailalerts](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/emailalerts)

You can also keep up to date with all our public messaging by following our social media accounts or checking the coronavirus updates on our [webpage](#)

### Are you ready for the new NHS Covid-19 app?

From Thursday (24 September 2020) the NHS Covid-19 contact tracing app will be launched. This is part of the test and trace service and will be important in helping control the spread of coronavirus and protecting each other.

All businesses in the following sectors **must by law** display a QR code poster from 24 September:

- Hospitality
- Leisure and tourism
- Close contact services
- Places of worship
- Local authority venues

Community centres, youth and community centres and village halls are all covered by this change to the law.

Getting a QR code for your venue is quick and easy from the Government's website.

[Get a QR code for your business or venue](#)

#### Further information

[Guidance on maintaining records of staff, customers and visitors to support NHS Test and Trace](#)

[A guide to creating a QR code for your venue](#)

[Tips for displaying your QR poster](#)

[An overview of how the NHS Covid-19 app works](#)

### Rule of 6 introduction and implications

Since Monday, 14 September, people are only allowed to gather socially in groups of 6 indoors and outdoors.

The Government [has published updated advice](#) for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities. In particular, you may find section 3 helpful as this covers the rules around things such as bookings for social clubs, support groups and public consultations.

## Long-term effects of COVID-19

There is growing evidence to suggest that those people who have experienced both mild and severe symptoms of COVID-19 can suffer from long-term health effects.

[Public Health England has produced new information and guidance](#) on the health problems reported in COVID-19 cases following acute disease, and guidance for healthcare professionals on how to advise recovering COVID-19 patients.

## Residents' Survey 2020

We have begun our annual Residents' Survey, which started on Sunday, 6 September 2020.

We are asking residents to tell us what they think of their local area and services.

This year, the survey includes questions on how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted residents, as well as the response and support provided by the council. It will also ask questions about such issues as litter and homelessness.

Feedback will be used to improve services and the ongoing recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. A summary of the results will be published anonymously on the council website.

It takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete but progress can be saved so it can be completed in stages.

The survey will run until 4 October. Please help us to promote this to residents using the channels you have available. People can take part by visiting

[www.malvern hills.gov.uk/performance](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/performance)

## List of upcoming meetings for Malvern Hills District Council

The following are due to take place via Zoom in September/October (subject to change). Most of our committees will be shown live on our YouTube channel. Visit [www.malvern hills.gov.uk/about-your-council/your-local-council/webcasts-of-meetings](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/about-your-council/your-local-council/webcasts-of-meetings) to watch.

Date	Committee	Time
22 September	Executive Committee	2pm
23 September	Southern Area Planning Committee	6pm
29 September	Council	6pm
7 October	Northern Area Planning Committee	6pm
20 October	Executive Committee	5pm

## Crowdfund Worcestershire

Community groups (and parish & town councils) have until 30 September 2020 to register for Crowdfund Worcestershire, an £85,000 fund set-up by Worcestershire County Council to support projects to help the county's covid-19 pandemic recovery.

Crowdfund Worcestershire is based on the Spacehive platform, used successfully in Malvern Hills, and allows community groups, parish councils and organisations to receive funding from the county council, as well as other donors.

Projects the county are looking to fund should focus on one of five key areas, with pledges of up to £20,000 available. The five key areas are:

- Social isolation/befriending – looking at virtual community connections / or adapted schemes that comply with social distancing.
- Maintaining our volunteering offer – helping to create a legacy of community and volunteer action post Covid-19.
- Healthy Communities – activities to improve the health and wellbeing of your local community
- Return to work – helping people prepare for a return to work or helping them into work.
- Food Poverty – predominately focused on families

On top of this, community transport groups have until 30 September to register to be part of a crowdfunding campaign, where they can receive pledges of up to £50,000 from Malvern Hills.

Groups interested in taking part, or finding out more, should visit <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/worcs> for more information. Please help us to promote these opportunities to groups in your parish.

The process:

1. [Create your project page](#) on Spacehive referring to their [handy guide](#). If you want some 1:1 feedback on how your project page is looking then Spacehive can help, just email [support@spacehive.com](mailto:support@spacehive.com)
2. [Pitch](#) to the fund on Spacehive by 30th September.
3. Submit your project for [verification](#).
4. Once verified, go live with your crowdfunding campaign and showcase local support ahead of project assessment in early November (check our tips and resources [here](#)).
5. If successful, you'll receive a pledge from the council towards your live campaign.

## Green Dog Walkers

We are continuing with our Green Dog Walker pledge and ask for your help to promote this to residents.

All Green Dog Walkers take a pledge to always:

- **Clean up after their dog**
- **Carry extra dog waste bags**
- **Be happy to be approached to lend a dog waste bag to those without**
- **Be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs**

To become a Green Dog Walker please complete the online pledge form.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GDWpledge>

Once we have received the form you will receive a GDW badge, free poo bags, and an information pack.

## Adopt a Street

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to adopt a street as a parish council. Hopefully you have now received your free kits.

If you haven't heard about the scheme yet, all you have to do is sign the online pledge which includes:

- **Telling us which area of land you would like to adopt (public land only unless you have permission from the landowner)**
- **A promise from you to litter pick your chosen site at least three times a year on dates of your choosing and at your convenience**

The area you choose to litter pick can be as small or as large as you like. The scheme is open to individuals, schools, community groups and Parish and Town Councils.

You can use your black bin at home for disposing of any litter you collect but if you find the volume you are collecting is an issue then please contact [cepo@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:cepo@malvern hills.gov.uk) and someone will assist you.

In return for your commitment we will provide you with:

- Free Litter picking equipment and bags (limited to 10 sets for community groups/schools/local councils)
- Guidance on health and safety

Sign up at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/adoptastreetMHDC/>

# LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING!

**URGENT**

We ALL have a DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of legally and not fly tipped. Avoid an UNLIMITED FINE by following the S.C.R.A.P. code:

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck with the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is licensed
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt
- D**estination, where will your waste go during the ongoing Covid 19 response



**Around two thirds of fly tips are household waste. These are all examples of fly tipping which YOU could be fined or prosecuted for.**

For more information on preventing fly tipping or to report fly tipping

[malvern hills.gov.uk/report-it](https://malvern hills.gov.uk/report-it)

[wychavon.gov.uk/report-it](https://wychavon.gov.uk/report-it)



For information about the Household Waste Recycling Centres

[wasteaware.org.uk](https://wasteaware.org.uk)





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*Here to help you through this*

 Supporting businesses	 Helping those facing hardship	 Protecting the homeless
 Maintaining critical services	 Working with communities to support the vulnerable	 Keeping you informed

[www.malvern hills.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/coronavirus)#hereforyou

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