

# Plumley Village Newsletter Including Toft and Bexton

March 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of the Newsletter.

As well as editions of the Newsletter all the latest information and news can be found on our website,

Produced by Plumley with Toft and Bexton Parish Council

## COVID ROADMAP—Handy Reminder

### Step 1, 8th March

All children and students will return to face to face education in schools and college. By this point, everyone in the top four vaccine priority cohorts – as determined by the independent JCVI – will have received the first dose of their vaccine and developed the necessary protection from it. Also from this date: Wraparound childcare and other supervised children's activities can resume where they enable parents to work, seek work, attend education, seek medical care or attend a support group. Care home residents will be allowed one regular visitor provided they are tested and wear PPE. The Stay at Home requirement will remain, but people can leave home for recreation outdoors such as a coffee or picnic with their household or support bubble, or with one person outside their household. Some university students on practical courses will be able to return to face to face learning.

**There will be further limited changes from 29 March**, the week in which most schools will break up for Easter. Outdoor gatherings of either 6 people or 2 households will be allowed, providing greater flexibility for families to see each other. This includes in private gardens.

Outdoor sports facilities, such as tennis and basketball courts, will be allowed to reopen, and people can take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

At this point, the Stay at Home order will end, although many lockdown restrictions will remain.

For example, you should continue to work from home where possible, and overseas travel remains banned, aside for a small number of reasons.:

### Step 2, no earlier than 12 April:

Non-essential retail, personal care premises, such as hairdressers and nail salons, and public buildings, such as libraries and community centres, will reopen.

Most outdoor attractions and settings, including zoos, and theme parks, will also reopen although wider social contact rules will apply in these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Drive-in cinemas and drive-in performances will also be permitted.

Indoor leisure facilities, such as gyms and swimming pools, will also reopen - but only for use by people on their own or with their household.

Hospitality venues can serve people outdoors only. There will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcohol, and no curfew - although customers must order, eat and drink while seated.

Self-contained accommodation, such as holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen. Funerals can continue with up to 30 people, and the numbers able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15 (from 6).

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Copy date for the next edition will be 20th April 2021

All items to be sent to :David McGifford Phone - 07968 603811 or E-mail clerk@plumley-toft-bexton-pc.co.uk

### Parish Councillors areas of responsibility

Tony Gabbott	Chairman.
Ged Coates	Vice Chair & Highways
David Nichols	Village Hall
John Wright	Planning.
A Shaw / R Raphael	Footpaths
TBA	Comm Resilience
S Crossman / V L Roxby	Police Liaison

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM on the 5th May 2021 starting at 7.30pm**

**COVID ROADMAP**

**Step 3, no earlier than 17 May:**

Outdoors, most social contact rules will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal.

Outdoor performances such as outdoor cinemas, outdoor theatres and outdoor cinemas can reopen..

Indoors, the rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - although we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.

Indoor hospitality, entertainment venues such as cinemas and soft play areas, the rest of the accommodation sector, and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes will also reopen.

Larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is lower) will also be allowed, as will those in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4000 people or half-full (whichever is lower).

In the largest outdoor seated venues where crowds can spread out, up to 10,000 people will be able to attend (or a quarter-full, whichever is lower).

Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. Other life events that will be permitted include bar mitzvahs and christenings.

**Step 4, no earlier than 21 June:**

It is hoped all legal limits on social contact can be removed.

We hope to reopen nightclubs, and lift restrictions on large events and performances that apply in Step 3.

This will also guide decisions on whether all limits can be removed on weddings and other life events.

In the meantime, the vaccination programme continues at pace, with the announcement of a new target to offer a first dose of the vaccine to every adult by the end of July.

The government hopes that the increased protection offered by vaccines will gradually replace the restrictions,

**National Farmers Union Message (NFU):**

**Please stick to the countryside footpaths.**

Over the last 10 months, access to the countryside has become so important for everyone, especially its positive contribution to health and mental wellbeing.

While most people respect the farmed landscape and follow the Countryside Code, increased countryside visits have caused issues for farmers, particularly combined with the recent wet weather.

The ask from our Cheshire farmers is “It’s great everyone is enjoying the great British farmed landscape but please keep to the footpath and avoid unintentionally widening them or diverting off route wherever possible as this causes damage to field soils & crops”.

See Countryside Online for advice and guidance.



## Village Hall News

We have everything crossed for being able to re-open the village hall soon in line with the government's roadmap. The tennis courts will be open from 29th March & have recently been moss treated for the season. All being well we expect to be able to open the hall to groups under Covid restrictions (limited numbers, social distancing, facemasks etc) on 17th May & on 21st June we hope that all restrictions will be lifted....watch this space, the end is in sight!

You might be interested to know that we have been approached by Manchester Airport with a view to their locating a noise monitoring unit in the hall's grounds. Basically this is just a metal pole with a microphone on the top pointing up to the sky & recording the decibels emitted by passing planes. I'm sure that all of us under the flight path agree that monitoring will be a good idea once the holiday traffic returns.

**Stay safe, & we hope to see you soon.**

Pam

**2020 was a strange year with lots of confusion, fear and pain—below are organisations that are here to help**

## Support from the Samaritans

Samaritans are still there for people who may want to talk confidentially through a problem with someone they don't know – who will listen without judgement – and try and help them see an answer, or at least know that they are not alone.

The pandemic has affected people in many different ways but hopefully 2021 is going to be a year of change, positivity and hope!

**Telephone number: 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)**

**SAMARITANS**

## Domestic Abuse

If you worried about staying at home with your partner or a family member? Do you feel unsafe in your home because of someone's behaviour? Help is available.

The Government has said that victims of domestic abuse can still leave their homes for their own safety, and that the refuges will remain open. **Local help is available.**

To access the Cheshire East Domestic Abuse Hub (CEDAH):

**Phone 0300 123 5101 text: 07771 941 464 email: [cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:cedah@cheshireeast.gov.uk)**

**New Support for the COVID-19 Crisis**

The charity Refuge has created some safety advice for people staying at home due to COVID-19 who may have an abusive relative which you can find on the Refuge website. You can also call Refuge on 0808-2000247.

## Knutsford Citizens Advice

You may not be aware that the Parish Council contributes towards the costs of the Knutsford **Citizens Advice Service**. Although they have suspended face-to-face advice services at all sites for the foreseeable future, they are still open and delivering information and advice in other ways, with staff home working to give service from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday;

**Telephone call-backs can be requested by leaving a message on 01625-708608.**



# NOTICE OF ELECTION

## Police and Crime Commissioner Election For the Cheshire Police Area

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Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF

1. An election is to be held for a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Cheshire Police Area.
1. Nomination papers can be obtained from the office of the Police Area Returning Officer, Election Office, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF, during the times stated below. Due to covid please email [election21@halton.gov.uk](mailto:election21@halton.gov.uk) or telephone 0151 511 7802 to request a nomination pack.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Police Area Returning Officer at Election Office, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF between 10am and 4pm on any working day after publication of this notice but no later than **4pm on Wednesday 8 April 2021**
3. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday 6 May 2021**.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 12 midnight on **Monday 19 April 2021**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
5. The £5,000 deposit can be paid by legal tender, electronic bank transfer or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as a banker in the United Kingdom. .
6. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 20 April 2021.
7. Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the relevant Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on 6 May 2021. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Dated: Thursday 18 March 2021 David Parr OBE  
Police Area Returning Officer

### POLICE SURGERIES: :

These are subject to change (location) as we come out of Lockdown but will remain on line for the time being FaceBook Page Gawsworth & Chelford Police:

Thursday	1st April 1 -2pm
Saturday	10th April 3 -4pm
Friday	16th April 6 -7pm
Wednesday	21st April 12 – 1pm
Tuesday	27th April 8 -9pm
Saturday	8th May 7 -8pm

Julia Short (Police, PCSO, Macclesfield LPU Congleton PCSO)

Contacts and Groups			
Local Key contacts/organisations	Name	Telephone	Email / additional nformation
Parish Council Chairman	Cllr Tony Gabbott	01565 722767	
Parish Council Help and Response Team	Cllr David Nichols Cllr Steve Jones	01565 723837 07887 506861	David.james.nichols2@gmail.com SMJones1@sky.com
Village Hall Committee Chairman Village Hall Bookings	Pam Arnfield Jill James	01565 722262 07709 884568	chair@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk bookings@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk
Tennis Courts & Play Area	Penny Allen	01565 722259	
Plumley Stores/Post Office	Jonathan Royle	01565 722277	
Toft Church Hall	Valerie Brooker	01565 650374	Mobile 07973 290756
Cheshire East Council	Reception	0300 123 5500	
Flexible Transport Service	Reception	0845 0779110	9.30 –12-30 Monday to Friday
Cheshire West & Chester Rural Rider	Reception	01606 784100	
Plumley Chapel	James Eaton	01565 722271	
Halle	Isobel Nicholson	01606 888890	
Livery— Holly Tree Equestrian	Gloria Robinson	01565 722188	hollytree.ec@gmail.com
Lower Peover Kids Club 4-14 years	Kathy Mcintyre	07977 653181	kathy.mcintyre@btinternet.com
Mums and Tots Plumley VH			Tuesday morning (term time)
Plumley WI	Sandra Youngson	01565 723220.	Plumley VH 1st Monday in month
Events at Toft Hall			
U3A Drawing and Painting	Mrs Berry Northen	01565 873053	Monday 10.00 am –12.00 noon
Art Group	Wendy Ramsay	01565 632362	Wednesday 10.00 am -12.00 noon
2nd Toft Brownies	Ann Liggett		6.00pm - 7.30pm E-mail : liggett@avaya.com
Toft Quilters	Veronica Walton	01565 651507	1st Wed month 1.00pm -3.00pm
The Callanetics Group	Carol Gunter	01565 651038	Thursday 9.00am -10.00am
Toft mothers Union	Veronica Walton Pam Willocks	01565 651507 01565 722501	1st Thursday 2.00pm-4.00pm
Margaret Wilcox School of Speech and Drama	Police Contact Numbers		CHESHIRE EAST WARD COUNCILLOR
Sessions are being held every week at Plumley Village Hall (during term time) on Mondays and Tuesdays, 4 -5.pm and 5 - 6pm for 5-11 year olds and from 6.00-7.00pm for 11-18 year olds. Pre-School Drama Class, rising 2's to 4 year olds—contact Sam Marsden for details, phone - 07887 778 822 email -mwsd@hotmail.co.uk	To contact the Police for important but non emergency issues dial 101. The 999 number is still reserved for Police Emergencies and the other Emergency Ser- vices.		<b>marc.asquith@cheshireeast.gov.uk</b> <b>01625 860446</b> 