

Coronavirus Assistance

You should have received a letter from the Parish Council with details of how to help, or get help if you are required to self-isolate in the next few weeks or months. If you did not receive a letter or you need help with shopping or collecting prescriptions, etc please contact:

Claire Paul – **07852546705**, cpaul0407@gmail.com

John Paul – **07805651502**, johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

or Jenny Wilks – **07530482053**, jennywilks@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

Many people in the village have volunteered to offer help and support.

Please do not hesitate to ask.

If you are able to offer help and have not yet put your name on the volunteer list please contact us. You can also find out more on the Wyre Piddle Community Face book page if you have access.

It is imperative that we all contribute to minimizing the spread of this highly contagious virus by following all government advice. Those who have been advised to self isolate and anyone with symptoms should not go out to get supplies. Sadly we must all maintain social distancing. A sad and worrying time for all. Thank you for the good will and spirit of everyone in the village.

Street Light Update

The Parish Council is updating some of the street lights in Wyre Piddle to LED. We have chosen Prysmian, a company who work with Worcestershire Council, to carry out this work for us and they have been very helpful in suggesting the most suitable wattage of lights for economy and efficiency and also the colour to have the best visual impact.

If you would like to know more about the plans for street lighting, or have any suggestions or concerns please get in touch with susansex@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

It has now been around 1 year since we set up the neighbourhood watch scheme in Wyre Piddle, and for some of you it may seem that apart from getting door stickers and street signs, not much has happened.

Well, I hope that some things have changed, like looking out for your neighbours, which many of us have been doing for years, and being more aware of scams and “suspicious” people in the village and letting people know about them. Do you know your immediate neighbours? If not, why not get to know them, let’s be more neighbourly and get that community spirit going. It is looking out for each other that helps keep a community safe.

The neighbourhood watch website has some good information about keeping yourself and your property safe, but you need to be a member to access it. However, there is now an app designed by the Neighbourhood Watch which can be downloaded to your smart phones free of charge that sends you alerts and allows you to send alerts to people in Wyre Piddle and to other nearby groups if you see anything suspicious, and you don’t have to be a member of the neighbourhood watch to use it. It allows us to let people know of suspicious activity in a fraction of the time that it would have taken by word of mouth. Our local police also use this app.

If you want to download the app, it can be found on sites such as Google Play Store. It is called WeAlert. Try it, and you will find out about the latest scams that are going around, and of burglaries in the area. Forewarned is forearmed.

Have you marked your goods with smart water yet? Have you got a smart water kit? If your goods are lost or stolen would you like the chance of getting them returned to you? If you mark your valuables with a registered smart water kit, if stolen and subsequently your goods are recovered by the police, then you can be reunited with them due to the unique marking of the smart water. The Parish Council bought a number of these kits to distribute free to villagers. We still have a several kits available should you wish to mark your property. Contact me if you have not been given a kit and I will arrange for you to get one.

There has (to the best of my knowledge) only been one burglary in the village over the last year, and a report of a suspicious van driving around filming houses. We are lucky to live in an area that is low in crime, but it must be devastating if you are the victim of said burglary. No-one wants to feel unsafe in their home, which is why we have neighbourhood watch. So, please do keep alert.

We are still looking for people to join the neighbourhood watch. If you are interested, give **Lew Searle a call on 07795 251549.**