



WBSG Volunteer Update 6th August

Dear all,

Our Coronavirus activity is now drawing to a close, and I cannot thank you all enough for what you have done over the last 5 months. The only activity continuing in any amount is the phone contact service which people don't seem to want to lose, so this will keep running. We will keep an eye on this, as some of it may be in future incorporated into the telephone befriending service in some way.

For those of you, particularly those medicine drivers who have really enjoyed volunteering with us, we'd like to suggest you might want to think about becoming a community car driver with us. The commitment is as much or as little as you want it to be, with no compulsion to do any journey that doesn't suit you. At the moment we are in need of more drivers, as we are also covering the Hospital Car Scheme for people in Winslow. So why not have a think about this as a way forward? Alternatively, would you like to think about being a telephone befriender? Again, this is a much or as little a commitment as you want, and obviously done from home.

We hope not to lose contact with our new volunteers, and we may be calling on you again if there is a second wave. Also we know that we will need to provide some marshalls for flu clinics over the months of Oct – Dec probably. Maybe this is something you can think about too. It would involve shepherding people in and out safely from a public area where the jobs are being done. More details later.

Our weekly Gentle Walks resumed this Wednesday and were much enjoyed by all. If you'd like to walk with us safely, or know someone else who could do with getting out for an hour, please let me know. We are hoping to resume Cards and Games, both Memories sessions and the Parkinson's group from September, in the Council Chamber, where we can safely distance, and access is fairly easy. We are looking at October to hopefully resume Friendship Lunches at the Bell, and also Hard of Hearing group if possible.

Best wishes and thanks again,
Vron

Useful extra information:

St Laurence Church Food Cupboard: Delivering food to needy people whatever their age. If you would like help, or know of anyone who would like help please contact either Jo Anderson (07803 942687) or Revd Andrew Lightbown (01296 712564).

If you are on **Facebook**, remember the **Winslow Coronavirus Support Page**. This has been organised on a road by road basis across Winslow and users often post useful information on supplies and ideas. We are still posting on there too.

CV19 Testing www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested