**ASHREIGNEY PARISH COUNCIL.**

**C/O Densham Farm, Ashreigney, Chulmleigh, Devon.**

**16th March 2020.**

Dear Residents of Ashreigney and Riddlecombe,

 I am contacting you on behalf of Ashreigney Parish Council regarding the rapidly developing Covid -19/Coronavirus situation. Whilst the potential severity of the situation cannot be under estimated the Parish Council wish to reassure and offer support to each and every household with in our Community. It seems inevitable that a period of self-isolation will be practised for many members of the Parish, and it is imperative that a reliable and efficient support network is established.

With this in mind the following measures are being put in place:

1. For any vulnerable members of the Parish who feel they should self-isolate essential deliveries of groceries can be arranged at regular intervals. Please contact the Parish Clerk and this will be organised.

Wallingbrook Health Centre have provided advice regarding the collection of prescriptions by a third party. This can be arranged providing the person collecting the medications has a signed letter of authority from the Patient themselves. A draft letter will be added to the Parish website, which can be printed, for convenience. (Repeat prescription forms HAVE to be signed by the patient and returned to the dispensary at the Health Centre).

1. A Facebook page has been set up by the Parish Council– Ashreigney Council to provide additional information as it becomes available. The Parish Council website – www.riddleash.co.uk will also be updated regularly. Please pass any updated information on to those who are not so confident with I.T so they are up to date with the current situation.
2. If you are self-isolating please clearly indicate that this is the case, with a note on your door.
3. The Parish Council are aware that self-isolation can be lonely. With this in mind PLEASE take time to call anyone that you know is in confinement for a chat, and check that they are coping, and not in need of anything.
4. The Community spirit in Ashreigney is always second to none in circumstances such as these. I have no doubt that ‘love my neighbour’ will be practised in both Ashreigney and Riddlecombe, and I can only thank you for keeping an eye on your close neighbours in these difficult times. The Parish Council are likely to create a ‘pyramid’ system within the Parish to ensure efficient and reliable communication

Would anyone who is prepared to help with collecting prescriptions/shopping etc please contact me so that a register of help can be created. Any help will be appreciated – however small – as we try to protect our special community. The Parish Council and other groups in the village are working together to offer support to the Parish as a whole.

With all best wishes

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