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Open Letter to Residents Re: COVID-19

Dear Residents

We hope you are all keeping safe and well as we head into autumn and winter and potential further restrictions on daily life as cases of COVID-19 begin to increase.

The Admin Team at Moulton Parish Council are working as normal and will be available via the contact details above, combining manning the Parish Office on a rota basis, with working from home.

Moulton Community Centre and Moulton Village Hall remain open at this time, and we are taking bookings for current and future events, which are allowed under the current guidelines. The Community Centre and Village Hall remain 'COVID secure'. All booking enquiries should be sent to bookings@moultonparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01604 642202/07484 517086.

Moulton Library

Regrettably, the library still remains closed at this time. Northamptonshire County Council are in the midst of transferring the library to Moulton Parish Council ownership. Very soon we will have our very own Community Managed Library and will reopen the library as soon as it is safe to do so. We are delighted and very excited that we have been successful in securing and retaining our much loved and used library. We can't wait to welcome you back here!

A message from Forget Me Not Café

We have increased our opening hours to 9am to 2pm Tuesday to Saturday and have launched our new online ordering app using Hopt. We also now have the facility for you to pre-order and pay for collection or arrange to have your food delivered to your door (Moulton and surrounding areas). Download the Hopt app and search for Forget Me Not Café. Our new winter menu will be available very soon with the addition of a wider range of brunch items and also our amazing home-made burgers and chips. Look out for further announcements.

Winter Support in the Community

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, the need for volunteers to help the more vulnerable members of our community is increasing. Since March this year our volunteer scheme has been incredibly successful in ensuring that anyone who needed support could access it. We want to make sure that this level of support can continue, so if you have some spare time and would like to volunteer, please contact Mary-Jane, our Community Connector on communityconnector@moultonparishcouncil.org.uk or give her a call on 07484 907438.

Equally, if you feel that you would benefit from some additional support with things like, shopping for essentials, collection of prescriptions, or even just a friendly chat, please do get in touch with Mary-Jane.

We have a fantastic retail, hospitality and business community within Moulton who have supported and continue to support our community and beyond throughout these difficult times. **Please support our local shops, cafes, pubs and businesses wherever you can.**

Christmas Hampers and Presents for Isolated Households and Families

As in previous years, we will be taking donations of home-made Christmas hampers at Moulton Community Centre from Tuesday 1st December 2020 onwards, during Café opening hours, Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am to 2.00pm.

Volunteers deliver mini-hampers to isolated single people or couples who will be spending Christmas alone or away from their families this year. We recommend a small box/basket/festive bag with non-perishable items with a Christmas card and/or small present. There are at least 20 or 30 households that we are aware of who would appreciate this gesture, especially for those who will be spending their first Christmas alone due to the crisis.

This year, we would like to extend the scheme to include families. We are working closely with the family support charity, Homestart, who have indicated that there are 21 families in the area who would be really grateful for a hamper, so please contact Mary-Jane if you would like to donate a family hamper and/or presents. She can give you more details about family size and make up.

When dropping off your hamper, please indicate if it is for isolated single person (male or female), a couple, family or if you are donating a present/s please let us know if it is for a mum, dad or child with gender and age.

If you have some spare time and would be willing to deliver some hampers in the weeks running up to Christmas, we'd love to hear from you. For more information please contact Mary-Jane on communityconnector@moultonparishcouncil.org.uk or 07484 907438.

The Virtual Health & Wellbeing Event on Facebook

As we are unable to host our annual Health and Wellbeing event in person this year, we have set up a virtual event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MoultonandNorthantsHealthandWellbeing/> - This will act as a reference point for residents to see updates and information on various groups, organisations and support services throughout the winter.

Christmas Cracker 2020

Sadly, we have taken the decision to cancel our final event of the year – our Christmas Cracker on 6th December 2020. We had hoped to hold a community event for everyone, but the recent Government guidelines mean it is highly unlikely that we can organise any gathering, whilst protecting the health of our residents. We look forward to next year when, in time, we will be able to gather together again.

Neighbourhood Watch

Police Sgt Beth Curtlett has congratulated Moulton Leys Neighbourhood Watch on their recent award that in their first full year Moulton Leys had seen **more than a 30% reduction in reported crime**, a number of local issues fixed and the trend continues. In addition, they are acknowledged for their great work in the Community assisting Moulton Parish Council throughout 'lockdown' as well as the creation and sale of face coverings with all proceeds going to the COVID-19 ward at Northampton General Hospital.

Please contact us if we can assist in any way. We shall also be pleased to hear from you if you can offer any help with supporting our less able residents, delivering leaflets, collecting prescriptions, shopping etc.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully



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