



Cowley Hill Community Forum



Keeping Cowley Hill connected

Welcome to the first Cowley Hill Community Forum newsletter, where we will be sharing news, information and events from the community for the community.

We welcome David Golding the newly-appointed Community Engagement Officer for Cowley Hill, an area which has been identified as having health inequalities. His aim is to help lessen the impact of some of those inequalities.



Please contact David if you have any news or events that you wish to share with the residents and communities of Cowley Hill. David can be seen out and about in the neighbourhood, or you can also contact him by emailing david.golding@hertsmere.gov.uk



Nanny Pat thrilled to be double jabbed!

Local Cowley Hill resident Patricia Walker is thrilled to have received both her Covid-19 vaccinations. Pat, aged 81 and known locally as Nanny Pat, said: " I feel really well and safe to be out and about in the community again."

Pat is no stranger to a needle, as she loves to volunteer to help Bunmi at The Sewing Studio in Aycliffe Road

And don't forget to be like Pat and sign up for your vaccination as soon as you're eligible.

Please click on this link <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/> for more information on how to book a vaccination and current eligibility.

Borehamwood Foodbank supporting the vaccine message



Not only has the Borehamwood Foodbank worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic but they are also supporting Hertsmere Borough Council to get the message out about how important it is to get your vaccination as soon as you are eligible.



Judith, Kim and the rest of the team will always be happy to put you in touch with someone who can help answer any questions that you may have about getting vaccinated, and David will be available every Thursday from 10-12am at the Foodbank, should you require information about getting tested, Vaccines or how to go about the booking process.

The Borehamwood Food Bank is located next to St Teresa's RC Church in Shenley Road and is open on **Mondays 1pm to 3.30pm** and **Thursdays 10am to 12.30pm**.



Pop up vaccination centre a big hit with local residents

On Sunday 25 April a "Pop- Up" Vaccination was held at St Teresa's Church Hall in Shenley Road. The session ran from 8am until 1pm and was a big success with a steady flow of local residents keen to get their first Covid-19 Vaccination.

The team will be back again on Sunday 4 July, so they can deliver the second dose to over 160 people that came along to the first session, so it really will be INDEPENDENCE DAY!!

Please use the QR code to link directly to our web page on on the Hertsmere Borough Council site for the most up todate information on Vaccinations, Testing and help that is available.



Covid information Champions

Christine Halpin, Voluntary Sector Partnership Manager, who looks after the Covid Champions, has been busy since the start of the pandemic co-ordinating her team of volunteers in their efforts to support vaccination role out, testing and the sharing of vital information, some of which we are using in

The Covid Information Champion initiative is a partnership between Community Help Herts (which Communities 1st is a member of) and Herts County Council to share reliable, accurate information about Covid 19 to reassure people, to enable them to make informed choices and ultimately to reduce infection rates and keep people safe.

Each week Hertfordshire County Council shares essential covid-related messages with Community Help Herts partners. Communities 1st has recruited almost 40 champions who in turn share these essential health messages each week with their networks; these could be friends, family, people at their place of worship or colleagues at work. Some champions email the information out, some send via WhatsApp and others share verbally or print it out and display it. It doesn't take up too much of the champions' time and we know that as a result of their efforts, and those of other champions recruited across the county, these messages are being shared with over 100,000 people across Hertfordshire.

For more information or to get involved, please contact cichampion@communities1st.org.uk



Community Hub in Cowley Hill

Hertsmere Borough Council has always worked closely with Communities 1st, and together we will be working tirelessly to ensure that local residents are provided with support and information with regard to getting vaccinated.

Nicola O'Neill, Wellbeing Service Manager from the local Hub, commented: "We are always happy help people from the community find out more about getting their vaccination when they eligible."

The Community Hub in Leeming Road is open Monday to Thursday 9am to 3.45pm.



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