

Around Ashton

Community news from Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel Parish Council

Autumn 2020

CHURCH RE-ORDERING PROJECT



Seven months after work began, we have now completed phase one of our church building project, including a new kitchenette, toilets, heating system and oak floor. The results are impressive, and have allowed Sunday services to resume in church.

Phase two of our scheme will take place midweek over the next few months, including installation of an audio-visual system, a new internal glass screen for the chapel and an external glass front door, plus refurbishment of the vestry. God willing, we hope to have the whole scheme complete in time for Christmas!



Going greener?

We have been delighted that so many of you have agreed to receive your Around Ashton newsletter electronically in future as it saves a lot of effort on the part of volunteers who deliver the paper copies, it saves paper which is always a good thing and it saves money which can then be used by the Parish Council on other things to help local residents.

Those of you who haven't yet let us know you are willing and able to receive the newsletter electronically could you please do so by emailing your name and address to elaine@farralls.co.uk as it is a way of you making a big difference.

We will always produce some paper copies for those who cannot receive the newsletter electronically plus some that we put in the shop for those who are from outside the area but we would like to keep this number to a minimum if possible.



Parish Council Update

The Parish Rooms

The Parish Rooms Trust have very recently, at one of their quarterly meetings, reviewed the situation in respect of the Rooms and their closure to the public.

Regretfully they feel that they are unable, at the present time, to reopen the Rooms but will review this again early in the New Year. The reasons relate to the size of the building, the space and layout issues including access and exit. It is felt that to be properly socially distanced we could only have 5 or 6 people in the meeting area at any one time.

We are keen to hear from those who use the Rooms regularly about how this is affecting them and what, if any, arrangements they have made to continue to meet. Please let Gillian (Caretaker) or Trudy (Parish Council clerk) know at clerk@ashtonhayespc.co.uk and we will take full account of this when we review the situation in the New Year.

Nighttime Drones

The Parish Council has received reports from people living over in Horton of drones flying at night and flying low over their houses. They believe that these fly back in the direction of Ashton Hayes village. If this is indeed happening it really should be reported to the Police for further investigation but we thought we would start by asking other local residents if they have noticed anything of this kind?

It would be helpful to alert the Parish Council Clerk in the event of this being noticed at clerk@ashtonhayespc.co.uk. The Police should also be informed.

Thank You from the Parish Council

Ashton Hayes and Horton cum Peel Parish Council would like to thank everyone for responding so well to the request to post messages into the correct categories. The situation has improved massively and we are receiving far fewer complaints about the incorrect categorisation of posts. Thank you.

Disposable Facemasks/Coverings

There is a growing issue around the parish with face masks/coverings being dropped on the ground rather than being disposed of correctly. Apart from the obvious potential health risks this poses these items are extremely polluting and cannot be easily recycled.

The issue was highlighted in a recent BBC News article (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-54057799>) containing the adjacent image of the potential consequences of dropping such litter.

The Parish Council would urge all residents to follow the government advice which is: "The official guidance for England is to wear a reusable, washable one where possible".

It also states that used disposable face coverings - often containing the plastic polypropylene - should be put in "black bag" waste bins "or a litter bin if you're outside". It adds that people should "not put them in a recycling bin as they cannot be recycled through conventional recycling facilities" and "take them home... if there is no litter bin - do not drop them as litter".

Let's all look after our environment and the welfare of local wildlife. Thank you.



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Branching Out

As you all know, our local community response to COVID -19 and the pandemic has been comprehensive and well received. Phase One came to a conclusion at the end of July, although a few volunteers who had been involved in activity relating to the supported shopping service have continued to ensure that the shop were able to manage with the deliveries they are still sending out.

The virus is still very much around, and there are concerns it will escalate and require that people are once again heavily restricted in what they can and cannot safely do. We are all at present waiting to see how this situation develops and whether a further Branching Out response will be needed through the Autumn and Winter. If it is we will need more volunteers so at this stage it is worth you letting us know if you would be willing and able to assist in some way, whether that be in relation to shopping support or some other area of activity such as telephone befriending, dog walking or the production of a newsheet.

If you are interested in being part of this local community response service as we head towards Winter please contact Jane Colville in the first instance on 01829 752607 or janecolville1@gmail.com

The Council [Cheshire West and Chester] have developed a scheme which will see Community Champions operating across the Borough and enabling improved communication to and from the Council as the pandemic continues. The Parish Council has registered its interest and its Community Champions are the Clerk, Jane Colville and Paul Varey. This way we should be able to keep informed and proactive. Please see the information in this newsletter about Community Champions and the current situation in respect of the virus.

Stop Press..... Volunteers needed now for early morning paper sorting. The shop needs a few more volunteers to join the team that ensure papers, once delivered to the shop, are sorted to go out. This is particularly the case on Saturday mornings when its best done as a pair. If we had a few more volunteers willing to give up an hour early on a Saturday morning we could arrange the rota so that it only requires a once every two or three weeks session.

If you are interested please contact Deb in the shop.

Dog Fouling in Public Areas

The Parish Council would like to acknowledge and thank the vast majority of responsible dog owners who do clean up after their dogs. Unfortunately, however, there are a small number of inconsiderate owners who are still failing to follow the law in this area. The Parish Council have been trying for a long time to take effective action in relation to this issue which is one that many residents have great concern about. The Parish Council have been in discussion with CWaC and have obtained a number of additional new signs reminding people that it is an offence to allow a dog to foul in public spaces and not clear up the mess afterwards. The signs have been placed at key dog walking points around the parish and supplement those already present. CWaC are clear that they will take enforcement action if they have evidence of owners not clearing up after their dog and they welcome reports from people who have the evidence of this. The following CWaC webpage contains useful information for dog owners as well as a link to report offences

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/pest-s-pollution-food-safety/animal-welfare/dog-fouling.aspx>.

It also contains clarification on the law and health implications surrounding this issue.

The parish council urges all dog owners to act responsibly and to clean up after your dog. If you see anyone breaking the law please do report it using the link on the CWaC webpage.

Fairy Doors or... “if you go down to the woods today”!

As you will know from earlier communication we planned, alongside the Scarecrow Trail, a Fairy Doors venture to be set in Andrews Wood so as to bring a little joy and excitement to the lives of all who go down there be they young or old. They are close to completion and installation will start soon. They will be in places that are safe and secure and don't require people to go off the beaten track to see them. Care is being taken to install them with no damage to the trees. We will inform you all when they are in situ.

Parish Council Update



Public Feedback Survey Results – August 2020

The online survey resulted in 24 individual responses being received from members of the public. Some respondents did not all complete all questions. This is a relatively small number and so the results are not necessarily statistically significant. However, they do provide a useful indicator of the views of the community. The results here will be merged with other feedback received verbally from people who do not have access to the Internet. These results will be used to inform the decisions we take on future events.

If you have not commented yet and would like to do so please email scarecrowtrail@ashtonhayespc.co.uk or drop written comments off at either 49 Peel Crescent or 4 Carters Cottages, Kelsall Road. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the questions.

Summary of Results

The event appears to have been a huge success with 100% of respondents saying they either enjoyed taking part or they enjoyed visiting the displays. All respondents wanted the scarecrow trail to continue in future years with a preference for the event being biannual and held in July over a 14 day period.

The vast majority of the scarecrow creators found the registration process easy to use and had enough time to design and build their display. Certificates for the category winners and for all participants were popular although having prizes was not deemed important, which would make the logistics of organising future events simpler. The offer of free straw appears to have been popular with those who used it but not with others resulting in a very broad spread of opinion.

Of those who visited the displays and responded to the survey fewer than half used the Google Map but, of

those that did, most found it really useful. The main areas of suggested improvement were to ensure the map was available on the first day and if it was possible to click a number and have a (larger) photo and the Bio pop up.

A similar proportion of people used the trail guide and again it was popular with those that used it. People would like it to contain a map, which to be fair it would have had if we had created it at the beginning. Something to sort for next time. Interestingly having printed copies at the shop was not deemed important by the respondents. However, it must be remembered that all respondents to the online survey had access to the Internet and so were not really the target audience of the printed copies and a different picture may emerge when those without Internet access are asked the same question.

People were split over the Bios with the majority either neutral or positive about them. The vast majority of people felt that the judging categories were the correct ones and that the number of categories was about right. Approximately three quarters of respondents felt the public vote was relatively easy to very easy to use. However, it is recognised that those without Internet access were at a disadvantage here and this will be looked into for future events. The main areas of improvement being requested was for more clarity on the start and finish dates and that everything be in place for the first day.

These results will be taken into account when planning the next scarecrow trail event and the organisers would like to thank everyone for taking the time to complete the survey and for the lovely positive comments.

Thank you, Lauren Colville and Paul Varey



Speed Watch

Covid-19 difficulties continue to prevent CWaC traffic engineers from beginning the actions and investigations promised after their visit earlier this year. We keep politely reminding them of what they have committed to do. SID (the 'speed indicator device'), currently isolated in a CWaC

compound, is due to be released in September. Ashton is booked in to take him later in the month so we look forward to seeing his smiling face around the village both in 20 MPH and 30 MPH areas. Please note that due to a concerning increase in traffic speeds the police camera unit are more active through both Ashton and Mouldsworth.

New Government Scheme to Reduce Carbon Emissions and Save Energy Costs

In August 2020 the Government announced the new Green Homes Grants Scheme for England. This scheme is aimed at improving the energy efficiency of homes through insulation and low carbon heating measures. It is open to homeowners and landlords in England and will take the form of a voucher covering up to two thirds of the cost of qualifying improvements.

The maximum voucher value is £5,000 but, for low income homeowners in receipt of qualifying means-tested benefits, the maximum value is £10,000 and covers 100% of the cost of improvements. You can check eligibility and, from the end of September, apply for vouchers via the Simple Energy Advice service: <https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/pages/green-homes-grant>

More information is also available from the Energy Saving Trust:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-insulation/green-homes-grant-scheme>

and from Money Saving Expert:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2020/07/homeowners-to-receive-p5-000-vouchers-to-improve-energy-efficien/>

This is an opportunity to get support to improve your home's energy efficiency and thus,

- reduce your carbon footprint
- save you money on your energy bills
- improve the comfort levels in your home.

The Going Carbon Neutral project and the Community Energy Company (AHCE) have worked hard over many years to develop community-based renewable electricity generation in the village but we have made less progress on home insulation and low carbon heating. The Green Homes Grant scheme is an opportunity to change this and has the potential to make a significant contribution to the village's aspiration for carbon neutrality as expressed in the Vision Statement of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Roy Alexander, Ashton Hayes Community Energy C.I.C.

Autumn at our Community Shop

Our Community Shop has updated its opening hours to accommodate the picking and packing of our customers' orders on Wednesdays and also to put away the main grocery delivery on Thursdays.

As an Industrial and Provident Society, Ashton Hayes and Mouldsworth Community Shop Ltd is required to hold an Annual General Meeting for shareholders. This will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 7.30pm. Due to the requirement to maintain social distancing, this year's AGM will be a **ZOOM** meeting. The link to join the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3536512518> .

Access to the Chair and Treasurer's Report will be made available on the shop website after the meeting.

Shop

Monday	7.30-5.30
Tuesday	7.30-5.30
Wednesday	7.30-10.00 & 11.30-5.30
Thursday	7.30-5.30 (closed for up to 2hrs, exact time unknown)
Friday	7.30-5.30
Saturday	8.00-5.00
Sunday	8.00-12.00
Bank Hol	8.00-12.00

Post Office

Monday	9.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.30
Tuesday	9.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.30
Wednesday	9.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.30
Thursday	9.00-12.00 & 2.00-5.30 (Closed as shop for deliveries)
Friday	9.00-12.00 and 2.00-5.30
Saturday	9.00-12.00
Sunday	Closed



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ASHTON HAYES



Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day

On Sunday 4th October at 10.30am we will be having our annual all-age Harvest thanksgiving service at St. John's. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food, which will be passed to West Cheshire Foodbank to help individuals and families in need. This service will also coincide with our annual Gift Day, when we invite members of our parish to make a one-off contribution towards the ongoing running costs of our church. If you cannot join us on the day and would like to make an online donation to St John's, please make your payment to 'Ashton Hayes PCC', account number 00033338 and sort code 30-91-92, marking your payment as 'Gift day'. *Thank you for your support!*

Church Services

Services resumed in church on Sunday 13th September. Due to coronavirus restrictions social distancing must be observed within the building and the size of the congregation at each service will be limited to approximately 30 people. We further request that all attendees sanitise their hands on entry/exit and wear face coverings whilst in the building. In addition, a register will be kept of those who attend for the purposes of NHS 'Test and Trace' should the need arise. Our 10.30am service will also continue to be broadcast on our Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person.

Gigabit Broadband

For the past two years Anthony Jones has been tirelessly pursuing the possibility of getting Voneus to provide wireless broadband for our community. However, Voneus have now officially pulled the plug on the project in our area. Their reason is a lack of primary sites for the main wireless transmitters that would have supplied the rest of the community for the installation. In addition to a low level of community participation, this means that they are no longer able to focus their efforts on our area without any meaningful return.

However, Anthony is now working with Openreach to try and bring full fibre to the property (FTTP) to every home and business in Ashton Hayes, Mouldsworth and Manley. Fibre to the property not only offers superfast broadband with speeds up to 1GB per second, but it also future proofs our network for years to come.

We therefore need households to express their interest in superfast broadband. Once we have a sufficient number of interested parties, Openreach will then design and scope the work required, and provide a quote for the work to be completed. Half of the cost is covered by Openreach, and the other half by the community. The more registrations of interest the cheaper it will be for all. Openreach are simply the suppliers of the cable; properties will be free to use their preferred internet service provider.

Each property will be able to apply for a grant from the Governments Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme to the value of £1,500 per home and £3,500 per business. There is also the possibility of other grants to bring the cost to the community down even further. Openreach will help to ensure we are able to have access to any grant we are eligible for.

Anthony has created a new website and will be posting updates on the blog section. These updates will come straight to your inbox if you subscribe on the 'blog' page. The new website is www.f4amm.co.uk and there is also a Nextdoor group: <https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/mrdyzi4pv/>. Please take a moment to explore further and register your interest.

The Golden Lion



In our last communication the Ashton Hayes Community Hub Committee updated you on progress made with the support of our Parish Council and the engagement with Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) regarding our request for a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Unfortunately not long after that communication was sent, the world was hit with Covid 19 and non essential work ceased across most organisations including CWaC. Our initial plans have been slowed due to the redeployment of CWaC staff to support the very different challenges Local Authorities have had to deal with and rightly so. These changes have now begun to settle back into a more recognised format and as such we as a committee have been in touch with the Parish Council and CWaC to pick up where we left off. It will probably be a few weeks yet before things return to anything like normal but rest

assured we are continuing to work on returning The Golden Lion back to its former glory through a request to register it once again as an Asset of Community Value and ultimately on towards the acquisition via a CPO request to CwaC.

Following all the recent upheaval we need to revisit our business plan and ensure it reflects any changes and impacts the pandemic may have had. These are far from all being negative, as an example the post Covid recovery plans for communities being supported up and down the country bring fresh opportunities for community projects such as ours. The committee would also like to understand how recent events may have impacted on our supporters and the wider community's views on the project as a whole, we believe there is an even greater need for such community facilities but we would like to hear your views, as a result we have produced a survey which can be found on our website, Facebook page and via an email which you should have already received if you are registered with us.

In the meantime, if you have any specific queries you can contact the committee via email at goldenlionashtonhayes@btinternet.com.

The Ashton Hayes Community Hub Committee

Ashton Hayes & Mouldsworth Village Hall Association

The village hall is excited to be opening again in the week of the 14/15 September. During this first week we welcome back The Janis Anderson School of Dancing and the Pilates Class. Hopefully this will allow us to phase in Popcats, Dance and Fitness and Yoga in the second week. It is then hoped that Ashton Sings will start again in the third week.

Clearly all these classes have their own risk assessments that will work alongside the rules that the hall committee have had to put into place. We are also very aware of the situation throughout the UK in relation to COVID 19 and the recent increase in positive infections which could affect the way the Hall is allowed to operate.

Simple changes are that individuals will enter from the kitchen entrance and leave by the car park exit, there will be arrows showing how to move round the building, and the kitchen and the upper room will be out of bounds. Appropriate PPE will be available at the entrance, exit and toilet area.

We have purchased a fogger, and this will be used twice

a week to try and limit any chance that the virus is in the hall. Also the class leader will have a responsibility to ensure that all touched surfaces are wiped down pre- and post-class.

Also the committee have decided that only one activity can occur in the hall at any time. All of these decisions will affect the hall and we acknowledge the grant from Cheshire West and Chester Authority which allows us to keep the hall in the best possible condition. However, we are also intending during the autumn period to install WIFI, repair the internal blinds in the main hall, remove the metal strip on the floor in the centre of the main hall, and repair, sand and seal the floor.

All of us who use and value the village hall look forward to the day when it can return to being freely used by all members of the community. At the same time we do rely on everyone who uses the hall to take care and remember the rules that have been put into place both by the government, the organisers and the village hall committee.

Martin Colville



Unfortunately, due to the continuing restrictions regarding social distancing etc., our monthly meetings haven't been able to resume. This doesn't mean to say that the opportunity to learn new skills and visit places of interest – albeit virtually - has been lost completely, as the National Federation of WI's has developed a whole range of online courses, which are available for members and non-members alike. You can sign up for one of these courses for a very affordable £5 for an hour's tuition, or lecture. The courses are available via Zoom and are both very informative and enjoyable. They range from cookery, textiles, photography and ukulele strumalongs, to yoga, the history of Churches, London landmarks and the resistance to the Nazi regime, plus many more. To see the full list of courses and to enrol, go to www.denman.org.uk.

During lockdown, the difficult decision was made by the NFWI, to permanently close their college at Marcham in Oxfordshire – Denman. This is devastating news to all members and non-members alike, who have grown to love this wonderful place over the years.

As a WI, we are continuing to put together our Lockdown Scrapbook, as a permanent record of what our members have been doing during this unprecedented period in our history. We hope to be able to resume our usual activities as soon as we can. Take care everyone.

Ashton Hayes & Mouldsworth Wildflowers



Musk Mallow

When we started this project in June 2020, the three of us did not have any clear idea of what we might find, or indeed the number of wildflowers in the area. Since then, by keeping our eyes open for what's growing, we have been surprised and

delighted by our finds to the extent that by the end of August we have recorded 131 different wildflower species in flower in the area.

These range from simple common weeds such as the diminutive hairy bittercress, through to the more refined flowers, for example of the taller musk mallow.

We have photographed each plant and written it up with a brief description of its characteristics, a summary of its uses both past and present, when it flowers and where we found it. The area covered is both Ashton Hayes and Mouldsworth, encompassing many of the walking routes around the area including the Recreation field, the local footpaths and even Mouldsworth station platform! We are still in the process of loading all these onto the Parish website.

Looking at the uses of the plants has thrown up some interesting background information, for

instance, stinging nettles have been used for food and also, surprisingly, for producing a very fine cloth. However some of the past claimed medicinal/herbal uses need to be considered with caution and some of the plant uses in the past are dubious for the claimed purposes, and indeed some have now proven to be downright dangerous. However others are valid, and all are of interest.

There are now five of us engaged in this challenge and we intend to continue with this work. It will be interesting to see what flowers through the Autumn, in the depths of Winter, and after all that, we will still have all the flowers of next spring to look forward to. We hope you find this of interest, and indeed useful when trying to identify things that pop up in our gardens and the environment.



Hairy bittercress

The fruits of our labour can be found on the Ashton Hayes PC website under Community Information, near the bottom, Guide to Wildflowers. There you can look up by the month when they first start to flower and by colour, the various wildflowers in the area. The list continues to grow as we spot new things to record.

If you would like to know more or to join in then please get in touch.

Ian Dossett, ian@ashtonhayespc.co.uk



It has been a return to business as almost usual at Ashton Hayes Primary School in September.

The school has been filled with the sounds of

laughter and learning as everyone returned to their classrooms. Our children have shown great independence and resilience in getting straight back into the swing of things after such a long time away from school. With a large focus on mental health and well-being, the children have already been challenged in a range of subjects across the curriculum, making the most of the outdoors and having lots of fun. We couldn't be prouder of the way our whole school community has adapted to the situation we find ourselves in and look forward to another amazing year together.

Jon Gilbert, Acting Headteacher



Ashton Hayes
Allotment
Association

The wet summer meant a return to 'heavy' grass cutting after the relatively easy cuts in the Spring ; but as a bonus not much summer watering was necessary! Fortunately, the rains held off for our socially distanced virtual BBQ. When is a BBQ not a BBQ?

Despite the early flood, then drought, the summer rains have led to excellent crops of beans, peas, potatoes and especially courgettes. Early and mid-season soft fruit was mixed; blackcurrants did well but red currants were disappointing. Many raspberry canes did not survive the early water logging but blueberries and rhubarb have thrived. The master onion grower was as successful as ever and most parsnips look promising.

Presently all the plots are taken but if anyone is interested in joining our waiting list please phone David on 752070 or email: davidrounthwaite@gmail.com. Allotmenters, please keep an eye on your emails for a proposed Michaelmas clean-up; this will be to sort out the compost heaps, the drain and general site weeding – naturally all necessary guidelines will be followed.

AHSRA IN THE AGE OF COVID19

How our lives have changed over the last 6 months. The world we live in feels strange and the future uncertain. So far the residents of Ashton Hayes have been relatively lucky and we hope that luck stays with us.

The AHSRA Trustees have remained positive during this period and, knowing how important the park and path is to young and old alike, have been determined to keep it tidy and well maintained. We have been appreciative of the support given over this period by both the Parish Council, who are continuing to pay their quarterly amount which helps maintain the facility, and also the Borough Council, who made available some grant funding to assist when normal sources of income simply have not been available. Once the lockdown measures were eased we reopened the playground and the children flocked back in to enjoy the equipment. Unfortunately the pavilion has not reopened due the present restrictions.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Before coronavirus the trustees had drawn up plans for improvements to the car park and playground, with additional fencing, signs at the entrance, new notice boards and improvements to the perimeter path. Already the car park has been extended and parking bays added. This work was paid for from AHSRA funds.

New post and rail fencing has been erected behind the pavilion, the playground has been resurfaced with extra tree bark and signs and notice boards have been installed. A Big Lottery Grant covered the cost of this work. Monies are still available from this fund and will be used to improve the perimeter path. Further improvements have been made to the pavilion in the way of new taps in the kitchen and toilets and the painting of all the internal walls. Replacement patio doors are also planned. Plans are also in place to add children's climbing rocks to replace the snail and for the adults a boule court is on the cards.

Sadly the cafe remains closed until further notice and the pavilion is not available for private hire. For the moment the toilet facilities are also not available due to Covid restrictions. There is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding the government guidelines on coronavirus but the Trustees will continue to monitor the situation.

If anyone has any queries regarding the actions of the trustees at this time would they please contact any of the team or email ashtonhsra@gmail.com. We would appreciate your input.

AHSRA Trustees

Community Champions



The leaders of Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire East Council are sending a joint message to everyone across the county: if we act now, we have time to avoid a new peak in infections and a local lockdown.

In the seven days up to Saturday 12 September, there were 106 confirmed COVID-19 cases in west Cheshire and 100 confirmed cases in east Cheshire, a four-fold increase on recent case numbers.

With the number of infections even higher in Merseyside, Warrington and Halton and these areas facing the prospect of greater lockdown restrictions from Tuesday 22 September, the council leaders feel the next seven days offer a crucial opportunity to curb the number of infections.

The councils are also putting enhanced prevention measures in place and will act through local powers if necessary to protect the public.

All residents are asked to:

- keep to the rule of six
- wash hands regularly
- wear a face covering in places where social distancing may be difficult
- social distance by two metres in public.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms of a high fever, new and continuous cough or a change in or loss of taste or smell, get tested by calling: 119 or visiting: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).

There is the following advice for workplaces.

- All staff providing table service in hospitality venues are advised to wear face coverings.
- All hospitality venues should take customer contact details and refuse to serve customers who fail to give details.
- All venues must enforce strict social distancing, including queues outside premises and drinkers/smokers outside premises.
- All venues must strictly enforce the rule of six.
- All retail staff should wear a face covering unless they are always behind a screen.

- Retail outlets are advised to report generally poor customer compliance with face coverings to Cheshire Police or the local authority.
- Retail outlets are advised to enforce strict social distancing.

As community champions, you can help us support businesses. Our Environmental Health officers, who are qualified in health and safety, can offer support and advice to businesses, including a site visit, for those that need it.

We want you to let us know whether you spot anything in your local community. We've set up an online form so community champions can easily get in touch with us.

Latest advice about schools for parents and pupils

With schools reopening, there will be some anxieties and concerns among parents and other people looking after young children. It's important everyone follows the latest guidance, including only getting a test if you have one of the three symptoms of COVID-19.

We've put together a video with Dr Chris Ritchieson, Medical Director at the Cheshire West Integrated Care Partnership, providing clear guidance for pupils and parents.

[Watch the video with Dr Chris Ritchieson](#)



Encourage others to get involved

Please ask other people and organisations to become community champions as we want as many people as possible to join this network.

[Become a community champion](#)