



COVID-19 IN LITTLE CHALFONT – January 2021

Little Chalfont Good Neighbours
and
Little Chalfont Coronavirus Facebook Help Group

How are we doing?

We expect that most readers will be following Little Chalfont's progress but for those who are not, the latest available data on 26 January 2021 reveals that the village had 12 new cases in the seven days ending 21 January. This compares with 210 for the Chilterns for the seven days ending 27 January (a slightly later end date).

Both are these figures are encouraging, in that they are gradually reducing from much higher levels BUT there is still some way to go before returning to the days when even the Chilterns had very low numbers.

(Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/search?postcode=HP7+9PX>)

Updates from Buckinghamshire Council

Not everyone in the village receives the regular emailed coronavirus updates from Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of the Council. These are very informative and a highly recommended read. To register for them to be sent to your inbox, go to: <https://enews.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/p/5438-3WI/signup> complete the form and tick the coronavirus box.

Outcome of our review

Although we have been unable to avoid the new variant and its high transmission, it is clear from our enquiries that our community has maintained its very high level of help to all those who are vulnerable to the virus. This has been through the efforts of road groups (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch) or family, friends and neighbours. Although the demand for assistance from our teams of volunteers has been low for the last 2 months, each has received a prompt and effective response. Thank you for this excellent show of community spirit.

Many of our residents are self-isolating of their own volition, taking a cautious approach to the pandemic. Furthermore, as we anticipated in our October leaflet, hardship is being faced by other residents who have lost their jobs and are in need of additional support.

Unfortunately, we also have evidence that not everyone is adhering to the social distancing rules in the village centre, particularly with the return of queuing outside those outlets that are open for business.

The lockdown seems likely to be with us for some time and other restrictions maintained for even longer. We have given some thought to what more we could do as a community to get on top of covid-19 and then keep it at a very low level. In the next section, we put forward a few proposals for you to consider.

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What more could we do?

1. We know that the new variant has greater transmission but precise details as to why this is, are not known. Although currently not required by law, when we are outside the shops in the village centre where we will automatically be around other people, why not always wear face coverings outside, particularly if standing in a queue? In addition, of course, to self-distancing!
2. There is no evidence yet that the vaccination will stop transmission and many more residents could be isolating at home. Perhaps we could all review the situation of our neighbours and increase the level of phone contact?
3. For those who are in the vulnerable categories who are taking exercise by popping into the shops, it could be a good idea to draw on the many sources of help to do your shopping but of course continue to exercise in less crowded areas?

Prescription Delivery

- ✓ Little Chalfont Pharmacy is to continue automatically delivering prescriptions to all those aged 80 and over.
- ✓ Anyone under 80 who is vulnerable or self-isolating is encouraged to arrange collection by family or friends but if this help is not available, delivery can be requested by telephone (01494 762206) on the understanding that same-day delivery cannot be guaranteed.
- ✓ Our two groups are also able to help. (See contact details below).

*For the last few months, almost all the prescription deliveries have been undertaken by **Adrian Lockyer, Baiba Sejejs and Gurpreet Bhui**. They will be continuing to deliver and we take this opportunity to extend the community's very grateful thanks for their fantastic help.*

Contact Details

Little Chalfont Good Neighbours

By email: goodneighbours@littlechalfont.org.uk
By phone: 01494 762395 or 07788 412747

Little Chalfont Coronavirus Facebook Help Group

Via Website: <https://itmadeeasy1.wixsite.com/lchelpme>
By email: littlechalfontcoronavirushelp@gmail.com
By phone: 07597 843260

Buckinghamshire Council – Helping hand (if you need vouchers, referrals or grants or other help)

By phone: 01296 395000
Via website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/community-hub/help-individuals/>

Chiltern Foodbank – Food donations

Congratulations to Catherine Kunzig Murphy and Jules Hargreaves on winning the Local Impact category of the Proud of Bucks Awards in 2020. Their organisation resulted in 4 tonnes of food and other items being donated by Little Chalfont. The picture shows them receiving their award from Cllr Martin Tett, leader of Buckinghamshire Council.

Plans for 2021

For the foreseeable future, Catherine and Jules will be seeking food donations **every second Saturday in the month, commencing 13 Feb.**

As with the Christmas Appeal, the drop-off points will be in the centre of the village, with gazebos on the Chenies Parade verge and in the Cytiva front car park (for car and other drop offs avoiding Chenies Parade). **Timing will be 9am to 1pm**

