

Dates for your diary:

:: **St James Church** - Services are currently online.

:: **St James Church - Friday 8th May:** VE Day Celebrations (See Page 3 for details).

:: **St James Church - Saturday 10th October, 2020:** Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley will be performing. More details closer to the time.

:: **Spaldwick Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 21st May, 8pm** (See Page 5 for details).

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SPALDWICK NEWS

Paying tribute to the NHS and Key Workers

From Ferriman Road to Burton Way, Stow Road to Littlecotes Close, and High Street to Ivy Way - applause has been ringing out across Spaldwick each Thursday evening, in appreciation of the many NHS staff and key workers, who are keeping our country going at this difficult time.

People have been on their doorsteps clapping, blowing whistles, clattering pots and pans - and even playing musical tributes as part of a national celebration.

Just before 8pm on 9th April, brass trio David Perkins, his daughter Zoe and her partner Steve Payne performed a moving rendition of "Somewhere over the Rainbow" from their driveway on Burton Way. It was met by a rapturous round of applause from neighbours. Elsewhere, rainbows have been proudly displayed in windows by local children - a way of showing their support for key workers, including their teachers and carers.



Spaldwick rallies around to support vulnerable residents and families



The Coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact on the freedoms that many of us take for granted. It's led to the self-isolation of vulnerable and elderly residents - and caused heartache for many families.

Spaldwick has shown, in the face of adversity, just how strong we can be together as a community. A group of volunteers - led by the Church - has been helping residents out with essential shopping items and collecting medication from local GP surgeries.

In addition, JJ's Motorcycle Training Instructors (pictured right) have successfully delivered over 50 prescriptions to Spaldwick residents deemed to be in at-risk groups.



To help people out with 'essentials', a 'pop up' fruit and veg stall, selling items at cost price, has been set up on the driveway of 16 Thrapston Road (pictured left). The shop is open everyday from 9am until dusk, for everyone. It is self-service with an honesty box or bank transfer - disposable gloves are also provided.

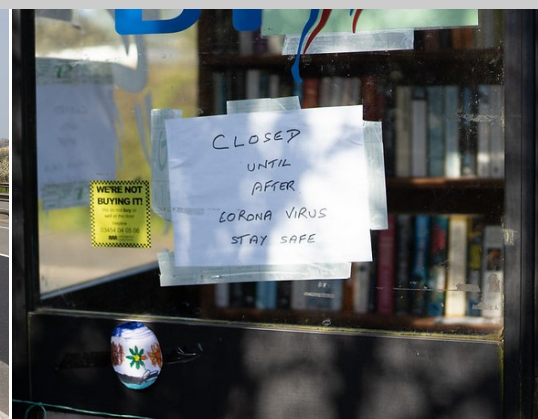
Steve Fane de Salis said: "I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Vanessa Wooddisse of West Lodge Farm, Spaldwick, and her sister Caroline for arranging the ordering and collection of Fruit and Vegetables and a few other selected items for sale."

Spaldwick on "Lock Down"

A selection of children who attend Spaldwick Community Primary School recently shared their thoughts on home schooling in a special report on ITV Anglia's regional news bulletin.

The school remains closed to the majority of pupils, apart from children of key workers.

Those of us living close to the A14 will have noticed a significant reduction in traffic noise during the government enforced 'lock down'.



Ivy Way resident and photographer Mark Heath has been out documenting the impact of the restrictions - including a deserted dual carriageway (above).

:: You can see photos of the village in Spring at www.spaldwick.com

SPALDWICK COVID-19 SUPPORT NETWORK

A group of Spaldwick residents is continuing to help those in our village who are vulnerable or are having to self-isolate. The help available is wide-ranging and there are also of local services and companies offering delivery services. Even if you are able to go out, please try and use deliveries where possible, rather than putting yourself at unnecessary risk. Please note it is not exhaustive and there are many more groups and companies out there that might offer similar services.

If you would like help please get in touch using the contacts listed below, either by a phone call or text message, and they will take it from there. In many cases one member of the village community is going out once a week to the main staple businesses who may or may not be offering delivery and collecting for everyone who has placed an order (details can be found under each of the businesses below)

All payments, deliveries or contact will be undertaken in line with government instructions regarding social distancing and gloves/hand sanitisation will be utilised.

CONTACT NUMBERS:

Amba – 07526 382240

Julia – 01480 890203

Becky – 07958 306740

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Citizens Advice Bureau (National Advice Line) - 03444 111 444 (www.citizensadvice.org.uk)
- Universal Credit (Help to claim line) - 0800 144 8444
- Disability Huntingdonshire - 0330 3553 256 info@dish.org.uk
- Family Action - This group helps to provide practical, emotional, and financial support to families (www.family-action.org.uk)
- Family Line - Providing a listening ear to help with parenting questions or give guidance around more complex issues: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, 6pm-9pm. Phone 0808 802 6666; Text 07537 404 282; email - familyline@family-action.org.uk

Prescriptions

- We are able to collect prescriptions from Kimbolton and Alconbury surgeries. Please contact one of us to arrange this.

Pets

If you need help with walking your dog please let one of the contacts listed above know and they will arrange for someone in the village to get in touch with you to arrange this direct. We can also help with emergency vet visits or to collect pet prescriptions as needed.

Pet food can be delivered to the village from:

- Top End Farm - www.topendfarm.co.uk - could collect and deliver on a Friday when the Veg box delivery is organised. Contact Becky on 07958 306740
- Andy at Grafham Pet Food supplies - www.petfoodsdirect2u.co.uk - 01480 819 730.
- Pets at Home - www.petsathome.com

FOOD

General supplies

- Applegreen Petrol Station Spaldwick - Essential basics available including daily Newspaper delivery (contact them directly)
- Budgens, Kimbolton - Local supermarket stocking most basic household supplies.
- Hopwells - This wholesale frozen food distributor is now able to accept personal orders. The range of food can be viewed and ordered via their website www.hopwells.com.

Butchers

- Hellett & Son, Kimbolton - Delivery is available to Spaldwick on Fridays. Orders must be made by Thursday morning at the latest (earlier in the week if possible, please). Payment can be made over the phone. 01480 860242
- Measures, Brampton - Delivery is available to Spaldwick on Wednesday or Saturday. Orders must be received by 9pm on Monday for Wednesday delivery and 9pm Thursday for Saturday Delivery. Orders and payment can be made through their online shop www.measuresbutchers.co.uk - or by calling 01480 453567.
- Stilton Butchers - Delivery and payment only available via their online shop www.stiltonbutchers.co.uk
- Days of Buckden - Orders can be placed by phone 01480 810 272 and will be delivered each Friday.

Eggs

- Andrea Parker has agreed to organise collection and delivery of local eggs, weekly from Ellington. Please contact her direct on 07725 706 971 or via Facebook. Cost £1 for 6 chicken eggs, 25p per duck egg, and 50p per goose egg.

Veg Boxes

- A weekly delivery of a box of veg priced at £6.50 from Top end Farm is arranged for each Friday by Becky Gibson - call 07958 306740. Please place your order with her direct via text or Facebook messenger by 9am Thursday.

Local Takeaway / Delivery

- Hare on the Green Brampton - Takeaway Food and Drink menu available (www.hareonthegreen.co.uk) - 01480 413 592 (Mon - Fri: 4pm - 9pm; Saturday: Midday - 9pm; Sunday: 12pm - 4pm (pre-order Sunday roasts only))

- The Mermaid Ellington - Ready made to cook at home food for collection. This includes: Pork Stroganoff, Sirloin of Beef Stroganoff, Pork Sausage Casserole, Vegetable Masala, Bolognese. All meals are individually vacuum packed and over 400g, priced at £6.50 each. You can order by phone: 01480 860 860 or by email n.r.marriott@hotmail.co.uk

St James Church News

Rev Phil is still travelling round the parishes recording daily services which you can join online by visiting www.kymchurch.org.uk and clicking on the "Want to join us in prayer?" tab. This website also lists the support groups that are now available across the Benefice.

To contact Rector Rev Philip Howson:

Email: revphiliphowson@icloud.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/revdphiliphowson/> or
Phone: 01480 869081

VE day celebrations - Friday 8 May:

Sadly our plans for VE day have been put firmly on hold. But, we felt it would still be nice to recognise this day in some way, so we'd like to suggest residents decorate a window in a VE day theme, with maybe some bunting or whatever else they have to hand at home. We feel this will be appreciated by those who are taking their daily exercise around the village, and might be a nice talking point for children.

The Blues in the Pews concert due to take place that evening will be re-arranged for later in the year, so any tickets sold will be transferred to the new date. We'll keep you all updated as we learn more.

Save the date! Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley - Saturday 10th October:

We are very excited to announce that subject to the lockdown restrictions in place at the time, Paul Jones, the legendary Manfred Mann frontman and Fiona Hendley, accomplished actress and singer, will be entertaining us at St James Church. Please save the date and we will share more details nearer the time.

A word from Reverend Philip Howson



So hands up if you've had to learn a new way of being in the last month.
Hands up if it's left you feeling a bit at sea.
Hands up if you've been left feeling lonely, or missing your friends, or out of sorts because life isn't supposed to be like this.
Hands up if you've been unable to look after someone you really love and who you'd rather be alongside right now.
Hands up if work has radically changed, been lost, or looks insecure.

Anyone left? What, no-one?

That's the reality for us all - everyone together out of sorts, many of us struggling socially, financially, and perhaps spiritually. We are all looking for an anchor, something to maintain coherence, focus, meaning. And all the things we usually have in place that keep us well and stable are being rocked. I imagine Maslow's hierarchy of needs is a good place to look to explain these feelings.

If you want the vicar's take on this, you can go to my own personal expression of "oh my goodness, what is a vicar for if he can't actually be with people and lead services?" on our rapidly developing and expanding YouTube channel which you can find via the website or Facebook page (if you can bear a regular dose of this vicar).

Certainly Maslow can explain our discombobulation, but he won't have provided the road-map for today's new weird.

By maybe that's not necessary. We are all meaning-makers. All our communities have stepped up to each other's needs with remarkable focus and intent. Yes, I'm hearing of sad experiences, but I'm also hearing about compassion, adaptability and discipline. In this grotesque experiment we find we are meaning-makers who fundamentally live in love when push comes to shove. Interestingly, this is true of all generations and ages.

That's quite something to celebrate don't you think? All those ugly narratives about spoilt millennials or indulgent baby-boomers swept aside by the community-wide hunger to love one another.

Keep being wonderful, and when we get together again to celebrate let's not forget the beauty of our neighbours or how deeply they have opened their hearts for everyone.

Yours
Rev Philip

Collecting for the Covid Wards at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

Two large boxes of goodies for frontline NHS staff have been taken to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, thanks to the generosity of Spaldwick villagers.

A collection basket has been set up outside 3 Ivy Way, in which you can leave items as you pass on your daily walk.



Organiser Lisa Hunter said: "The reaction from staff has been overwhelming—they are so touched that the village of Spaldwick is thinking of them! A couple of local villages have been in touch and are now kindly collecting too.

"We are collecting packaged snacks and drinks, and hand creams, foot balms, lip balms, bubble baths—anything lovely to help the frontline feel appreciated!

I would like to thank everyone who has donated so far and encourage the village to 'keep it coming' over the next few weeks."



Playtimes fitted with new lighting - thanks to you!



After he started an online fundraiser to replace the external and internal lighting at Playtimes, Ivy Way resident and electrician Jason Pope has completed the work.

£575 was donated in just 24-hours to cover the cost of new emergency and main room lights, with Jason giving his time free of charge.

Jason said, "I won't embarrass everyone who donated, you know who you are and I thank you greatly; additional donations came from Spaldwick News and BlueLine Security Limited."

Playtimes is a registered charity looking after young children aged 2-11.

Spaldwick's Kim Hall features in campaign to get older people active at home

Spaldwick resident Kim Hall features in a new campaign from The British Gymnastics Foundation. 'Love to Move' is aimed at getting older people active at home, many of whom will be self-isolating.

The Foundation is making sessions available on a regular basis.

Patrick Bonner, Head of the British Gymnastics Foundation, said: "We have seen the positive impact Love to Move can have on the physical and cognitive aspects of older people in the last few years and we want to get the programme out to as many of those self-isolating as possible in order for them to feel the benefits and keep moving."

"We have released the video of Kim Hall, our lead deliverer so people can take part in sessions from their own home."



Love to Move started as a pilot project in 2015/16 and uses seated activities to help older people with their memory, balance, flexibility and finger dexterity. In that time it has already seen a marked improvement in many of its regular participants. It has since been rolled out across the UK. Research into the pilot programme by Age UK found that it 'has a demonstrable benefit in the physical, emotional and cognitive aspects of older people'.

Kim is the Lead Deliverer of the programme and said: "The best thing about delivering Love to Move is seeing people's quality of life improve. To see someone moving again, feeding themselves and re-engaging with their loved ones, and to see them visibly appear younger, brighter, more confident and happier is such a privilege."

:: More information can be found on the Foundation's Love to Move webpage at www.britishgymnasticsfoundation.org/lovetomove - including a downloadable booklet.

Council Tax Deferral Scheme utilised by more than 2,300 homes

More than 2,300 households in Huntingdonshire have applied to defer their council tax payments for April and May, amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

The District Council announced the delayed payment scheme to allow for those whose income has been affected by the covid-19 outbreak.

Executive Leader of the Council, Councillor Ryan Fuller, said: "We wanted to ensure that we could support our residents as much as possible during this time of uncertainty, which is causing unforeseen financial problems for many across the district. The swift action that we took with this scheme has resulted in a helping hand being provided to over 2000 households."

"The District Council collects council tax on behalf of other authorities including the County Council, Police and Fire. To offer the deferral scheme to residents we have taken on the financial burden ourselves, rather than allowing it to affect the cashflow of our partner authorities. We will continue to ensure our partners receive their full share of council tax payments, whilst the deferral benefits are utilised by residents."

Council tax payments have already been run for April's instalments for those who have not deferred their payments. However, the council tax delay scheme is still available, deferring payments for May and June for those who apply now.

:: Applications can be submitted through an online form here:

<https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/coronavirus-service-update/coronavirus-council-tax-delayed-payment/>



Spaldwick Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21st May at 8pm. If the country is still in lockdown, then the meeting will be held on the videocall app Zoom. However, if we are out of lockdown, then it will be held in Spaldwick Community Room.

Please email the Clerk, Sarah, for firm details closer to the date: clerkspaldwick.pc@gmail.com

March's meeting of Spaldwick Parish Council was held on Thursday 19th by video conference:

It was Chaired by Steve Fane de Salis - also present were G Smith (Vice Chairman), S Jackson-Rimmer, J Pope, S Parfrey, W Burcham. Here are some of the items discussed, based on the draft minutes of the meeting:



Planning:

- Residential development of 4-6 dwellings, House On The Hill, Stow Road, Spaldwick (Ref. No: 20/00458/PIP): Spaldwick Parish Council recommends approval of the permission in principle of 4-6 dwellings at House on the Hill. It is felt that this development is within the built area of Spaldwick and is similar in layout to other small developments along Stow Road. The development is within the garden of a large house and the proposed design of barn style properties around a courtyard matches the rural style of the area. The Parish Council ask that a condition be added to any permission to provide a footpath along Stow Road to link with existing footpaths. Cllr S Parfrey proposed approval, seconded by Cllr G Smith and carried unanimously.
- Playground inspection report by Wicksteed** - Play equipment needs to be painted. Although some areas of the park require repainting more urgently than others, it was discussed that it would be preferable for the entire park to be repainted at the same time. Three companies will quote for the work.

Highways, footpaths, byways, gritting bin, trees, etc:

- A resident has raised the issue of motorcyclists using byways during winter months - the signage does not prevent this use, but Cambridgeshire County Council has indicated that the signs are incorrect and should be changed.
 - Hedges around play area and open space - Members of the public have assisted with removing some of the hedging around the play area after it was agreed to remove the hedging. The cuttings need to be removed and are cleared of roots. Cllr R Johnson to complete the removal, however, it will take some time to complete.
 - It is proposed to lift the crown of the small trees which are the responsibility of PC to allow the grass to be cut underneath. Cllrs R Johnson and S Fane de Salis to complete.
- Update regarding dog poo bag dispensers** - Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer advised there will be two dispensers: one near the church and one on Community land. Two galvanized posts are required to fix the dispensers to.
 - A resident has raised concerns about the location of the Bus Stop on High Street, with parked vehicles causing a problem at this location. A suggestion is to add an additional stop on Stow Road.
 - Fly tipping Beltons Hill - This was reported by Cllr S Fane de Salis and has now been removed

Community Room:

- Given the current Covid-19 outbreak, all hard surfaces in the Community Room have been suitably cleaned to prevent the spread of germs.
 - Consider the purchase of an internal notice board for advertising, etc. Clerk to find suitable products.
 - Consider the purchase of an external sign to label the Community Room as such. Clerk to seek approval from Cambridgeshire County Council.
- Cllr Pope proposes to fit timers to the radiators to prevent them being left on for extended periods. Following review of the available products, the Council agreed it was a good idea to fit these to all five radiators in the Community Room. Cllr J Pope to check the type of device required for the individual radiators before purchase. Purchase proposed by Cllr J Pope, seconded by Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer.
 - Cllr S Jackson-Rimmer noted that painting at the junction near the Village Green has been completed.



:: Keep up to date with the latest from Spaldwick Parish Council online: www.spaldwickparishcouncil.org.uk

Town & Poors Charity Field (Allotment Field)

The Town & Poors Charity Field meeting followed the Parish Council Meeting:

- Update regarding gates and fencing - Cllr S Fane de Salis noted the need to fit locks to the gates for security. Huntingdonshire District Council also suggested a height restriction be considered for the site.
- Update regarding planning application for hard standing - Cllr G Smith is preparing.
- To consider quotes for an area of hard standing - Some rough quotes received, but this has been put on hold until the current situation settles.
- Update regarding an Allotment Association and allotment rules - Cllr G Smith attended allotment meeting. Parish Council to be in charge of sheds; this will mean individuals will not need planning permission to erect them.



Spaldwick's Lockdown Scrapbook

With schools shut, workplaces down to minimal staffing and social distancing measures in place, the last few weeks have been a perfect opportunity to re-connect with our families and the village in which we live!

Spaldwick News has been asking how you've been spending your time on 'lockdown'...



Spaldwick ginger cat enjoying his Easter Friday, having breakfast, lunch and afternoon nap with Cliff and Shirley



Rose has been learning how to do an arabesque



Lisa has been growing seeds ready for the new allotments!!



The kids have been tearing it up in the sunshine, working on their painting! Not sure we could call them Picasso protégés yet!



We have been busy in the garden, as has the whole village I suppose, but we were VERY excited to put up our new greenhouse!

Nicola's family has signed up to Rosetta Stone - meaning she, husband Carl (who is Swedish), and their children are now fast-tracking their Swedish speaking skills with his help! There are loads of basic lessons on ALL languages on Rosetta Stone app for free if people want to download!



Our lovely neighbours Kit & Julie and Martin & Fiona put up socially distant signs for Lily's 9th Birthday



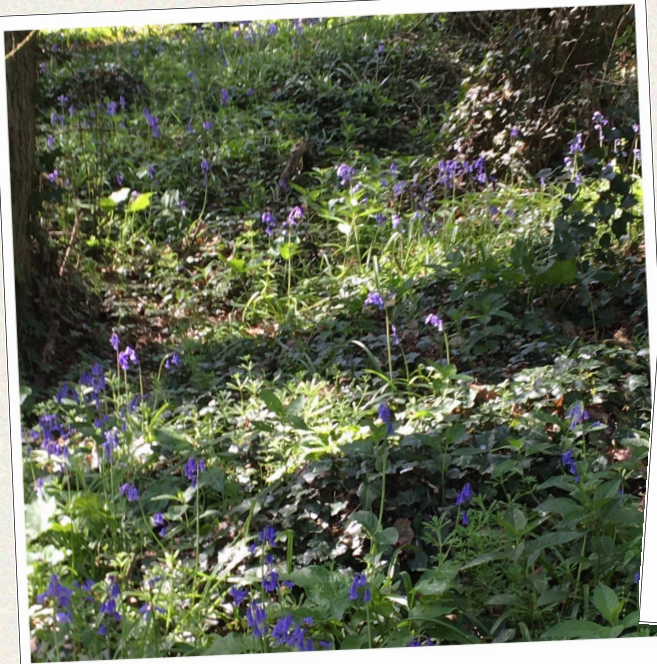
We went for a lovely walk through the fields!!

Claire writes: "We celebrated Lily's 9th birthday in lockdown on 7th April.

Our lovely neighbours Kit & Julie and Martin & Fiona put up socially distant signs for Lily as they live opposite. Such a lovely moment when Lily spotted them in the morning!

Jenni Muir and her children Albie, Lois and Max made a biscuit cake and came to sing happy birthday on the drive.

We also had a FaceTime with the Jacksons who recently moved temporarily from Spaldwick to Qatar. Sofie Jackson is Lily's best friend and they share the same birthday so it was lovely to speak to them."



Bluebells in the woods
(David and Libby)



Spaldwick from afar
(from Libby & David)

Deb writes: "There are a few villagers including myself that are sewing scrubs, hats, wash bags for a volunteer group called For the love of Scrubs. These items are being sent out to local hospitals and where needed."

Amba writes: "Good Friday I joined an NHS scrub making group based at Hinchingsbrooke school. Peterborough and Hinchingsbrooke hospitals had funded hospital grade fabric and needed 200 sets of scrubs for washing and labelling on Easter Monday, to be in use Tuesday. Sewing packs were cut, packed and distributed to a large number of volunteers around the area. I brought home 24 pairs of trousers and with the help of other Spaldwick sewing ladies - we did our part in supporting this mammoth task. Thank you to Barbara, Julia, Felicity and Natasha - and a tie-cord donation from Becky.

Many scrub sets, face masks, caps and bags still continue to be made for the care industry locally; thank you to all those who have been and continue to be involved."

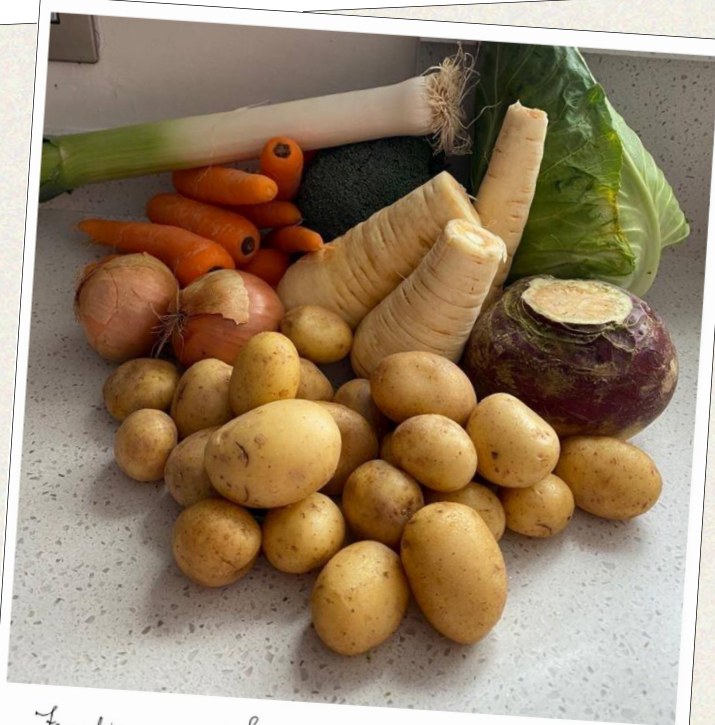
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I'm much more comfortable with using technology as part of my business as a result of the pandemic and I will continue to use what I've learned when Covid-19 is a thing of the past.



Frankie says, "Since the lock down, we have been getting lovely veg boxes from Top End Farm shop - kindly ordered and delivered to us by Bex and Paul Gibson."

Becky writes: "I'm in the process of building a small business, in the village, as a solution focused clinical Hypnotherapist, so the arrival of Covid-19 seemed like a huge hurdle. On the positive side, I've been forced to adapt to new ways of helping clients. I've learned how to use Google Meet and Zoom, and had fun discovering the best way to channel background music and speech into the same online meeting. I've built PowerPoint slides and learned how to present them online. To my surprise I've found that, although I was reticent at first, I really enjoy conducting sessions online and it's working well for clients too. Results wise there's no difference from face to face or video link.

Yelena on Ferriman Road writes: "I started cooking more and encourage my two children and their grandmother, who is staying with us, to cook as well - sharing kitchen & other housework duties!

I have learnt how to use Zoom and recently hosted a few meetings, including one for a charity with 20 people attending. I now host my weekly Zoom Wine Bar gatherings with 3 groups of friends, including a book club and school parents!"

Spaldwick Parish Council and the village Neighbourhood Watch scheme have both issued warnings about fraudsters trying to con people of their sensitive personal and financial information - related to the coronavirus pandemic.

SCAM WARNING



Coronavirus-related frauds increase by 400% in March

Between 1st February 2020 and 18th March 2020, Action Fraud has received **105 reports** from victims of coronavirus-related frauds, with losses totalling close to **£970,000**. The majority of the reports are related to online shopping scams where people have ordered protective face masks, hand sanitiser, and other products, which have never arrived. We have also received over **200 reports** about coronavirus-themed phishing emails attempting to trick people into opening malicious attachments or revealing sensitive personal and financial information.

Watch out for scam messages:

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details

Shopping online:

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, and ask a friend or family member for advice before completing the purchase. Where possible, use a credit card to make the payment, as most major credit card providers insure online purchases.

Protect your devices from the latest threats:

Always install the latest software and app updates to protect your devices from the latest threats.

One common scam at the moment is the 'Covid Relief' scam. This is an example of 'number spoofing' because it involves a text message that comes in on the same number as recent GOV.UK text messages informing of the new rules for social isolation. For those receiving it, it appears in the same text 'conversation' as the genuine government alerts which makes it very difficult to spot that it's not genuine.

The messages claim to offer a payment to all residents as part of government's promise to battle COVID 19. These texts provide a link to a copycat website that appears to be very official, using all the GOV.UK branding and may tempt the recipient into inputting their banking card details in order to receive the fictitious grant. Two clues show this is not genuine: 1) The phrase 'COVID-19 relief' is misspelled as 'COVID-19 relieve' and 2) the website url is a .com address whereas the government web address is .gov.uk



Huntingdonshire District Council

Saturday at 20:36 • 📶

We are aware that some residents have received letters (as below) claiming to be from HDC, explaining that they have failed to obey self/isolation and social distancing procedures.

These letters are not from the District Council. Please disregard.

Huntingdonshire District Council do NOT issue this type of letter about individual whereabouts. We remind residents to practice social distancing and self isolation as laid out by government guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

GOV.UK CORONAVIRUS ALERT
New rules in force now: you must stay at home. More info & exemptions at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.

We would like to inform you that you have been recorded as leaving your home on 3 occasions yesterday. A fine of £35 has been added to your [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) account. For further information please visit [gov.uk/coronavirus-penalty-payment-tracking](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-penalty-payment-tracking). Protect the NHS. Save lives.

Another text scam that purports to be from the government is the so-called 'Big Brother' scam (pictured above). This one also spoofs the GOV.UK number and suggests that the recipient is being fined for leaving their home. It includes web links or a phone number in the text which are designed to defraud.

On a similar theme, but with a local flavour, reports have emerged of a bogus letter purporting to be from Huntingdonshire District Council and claiming that the recipient has contravened current government instruction to 'stay at home' (pictured right).

BLUNTISHAM

COVID-19 PUBLIC MONITORING – HUNTINGDON DISTRICT 9

Sirs/Madam

During the current COVID-19 outbreak, the UK Government has put in restrictions

Spaldwick Waste Bin Collections for May/June 2020:

Grey		12 May	26 May
Blue	5 May	19 May	2 June
Green	7 May	21 May	4 June

A complete list of materials which are recyclable can be found at:

www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin

Hundreds of pounds raised by David Irwin's 2.6 Challenge



Spaldwick resident David Irwin has been on a mission - to raise as much money as possible for charities CPSL Mind and the Hinchbrook Health Care NHS Trust Fund.

So far, he's achieved hundreds of pounds in sponsorship by running 42 laps of a field near Ivy Way (pictured) - 16 more than his original target of 26 - and a total of more than 26 miles!

His feat was part of the national 2.6 Challenge, arranged after the cancellation of the London Marathon, which should have taken place on 26th April, when David completed his fundraiser.



The Covid-19 pandemic has had a catastrophic effect on charities - with the cancellation of thousands of events and the loss of billions in income through fundraising events. Many of these charities have had to reduce or stop services at a time when vulnerable members of society need them most; thousands of staff have been placed on furlough and many charities will not survive the next few months.

:: You can still support David Irwin on his Virgin Money Giving page:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidIrwin11>

Spaldwick's New Allotments ploughed in readiness for planting - by Carmen Martos



Spaldwick Community Allotment Association is pleased to deliver some good news. Last month, SCAA reported that it was waiting for the allotment site to be flailed and ploughed. Despite this worrying time concerning Coronavirus and being in 'lockdown', the weather has been kind and the sun has shone.

Thank you to Spaldwick Parish Council and members of SCAA who progressed the preparation of the site. A special thank you to Susie and Tony of Beech House, who flailed and ploughed the field and to Spaldwick Parish Council and SCAA who staked out the individual allotment plots. SCAA is delighted that ALL 22 plots have been taken up and all our new 'Allotmenters' will all be enjoying their allotment plots very soon.

SCAA regrettably postponed its first Welcome Meeting due to adhering to social distancing rules. At this meeting, SCAA intended to advise allotment holders of their plot number and its location on the allotment site. SCAA hopes to personally welcome our allotment holders soon (when lockdown is lifted and social distancing relaxed), but in the meantime, please check your emails for further news regarding plot numbers and access to the site.

Thank you again to everyone who has expressed an interest in the allotments. We do have a waiting list and there *may* be plans in the future to generate more plots, if there is enough interest from Spaldwick residents. So please, if you are interested in holding a plot, get in touch with a SCAA member or the Spaldwick Parish Council.

In the meantime, enjoy our beautiful weather and stay well everyone. SCAA hopes to see you all soon on the allotment site.

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