

Chair's report for August 2020

Shrewton and Orcheston Community Support

As noted in last month's chair's report the Government set 1 August as the date those shielding can start to resume their normal lives and the volunteer network has now stepped back but not disbanded; all the volunteers were asked if they wished to remain available if required, while some have had to step down due to work commitments etc. many have offered to remain available. To every one of you (whether stepping down or remaining available) I would like to say 'thank you'.

I would also like to thank the management and staff at the Co-Op for the support they have given through these difficult times, without which things would have been a lot more difficult.

Volunteering opportunities

Although the Government has advised that life can start to return to normal this is the 'new normal' and many people have been advised that they should restrict their exposure to others outside of their 'bubble', consequently many volunteer-supported organisations are now struggling to offer the services that existed pre-lockdown. For those that would like to expand their volunteering activities a list of organisations looking for volunteers is displayed on the Parish Council notice boards.

Community Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch has a new coordinator, Janice Hassett, I would like to thank Janice for taking on this role. A new site on the B3083 for Community Speedwatch has been approved and it is hoped Speedwatch activities will resume by the end of this month.

This concludes the Chair's report.