

Chair's report for November 2020

NEW LOCKDOWN

As I write this the country is going into lockdown for the second time due to the rise in Corona Virus infections. The lead team of the Shrewton and Orcheston Community Support Group is preparing itself to provide whatever support may be needed by the community in the weeks ahead; already there has been some contact from people who are considered particularly vulnerable at this time. As before, I ask everybody to follow the rules set by the Government; infection rates are rising in Wiltshire and we need to do all we can to avoid going into stricter measures (as has happened in other parts of the country).

Community Area Transport Group meeting

On 31 October I (remotely) attended the Amesbury Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) meeting. I am sorry to have to report that we were unsuccessful in getting the temporary social distancing measures we requested for the High Street (cones outside the Co-Op and alongside the narrow pavement by the bus stop opposite Catherine Court); although these were supported by Wiltshire Council funding was declined by Central Government.

We were advised that the decision on the future of the A303 tunnel past Stonehenge would be announced on 13 November. This is something that has dragged on for a considerable time and I am sure I speak for us all in hoping that this decision (whatever it may be) won't be delayed again.

This concludes the Chair's report.