

## **Chair's report for January 2021**

### **COVID-19**

Due to rising COVID-19 infection rates the Government has again placed the United Kingdom into lockdown. Under the law you are obliged to stay at home except where necessary – in brief, 'necessary' has been defined as:

Shop for basic necessities, for yourself or a vulnerable person.

Go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home.

Exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

Meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one.

Seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse).

Attend education or childcare - for those eligible.

Infection rates in our area are lower than the UK average. I am sure that everyone in Shrewton will, by observing these rules, play their part in helping our community to stay safe.

### **Wiltshire Communities Prepared & Together webinar**

On 16 December I attended a webinar regarding emergency preparedness. Much of this was taken up with refresher training regarding COVID-19 and details of the steps Wiltshire Council has taken to provide support but it also covered such topics as the priority services register that is operated by the electricity distribution network operator (Scottish and Southern Energy) and health emergencies in general (e.g. extremes of temperature).

This concludes the Chair's report.