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We hope you are keeping safe and well!

The Haslingfield Support Team has been working on setting up a scheme to link Volunteers to residents. This is now fully up and operational- we would like to thank everyone involved for their help and enthusiasm.

We have created five 'Hubs' each covering different parts of the village.

Each Hub has been assigned a list of residents who might value some assistance from a list of volunteers who live on the same streets. Every Hub has a 'coordinator' who assigns a volunteer to each person or household needing assistance. Where possible, we try to assign volunteers to residents they already know.

Support of residents typically involves regular social contact through phone calls, and in many cases also entails assistance with getting food and/or medicine. In the case of food there has been effective coordination of activity within hubs to make the process more efficient.

In the case of medicines there has been effective use of the Car Scheme which is exceptionally well organized in our village. More generally all volunteers have been given guidance on how to signpost residents to existing services'

There are also a number of extra volunteers who may not be able to help out on a daily basis as they may be working or have young children, but who provide backup as and when needed.

At the moment, most of the residents on the scheme are older residents or 'shielding' themselves. However, as time goes by, we may need to help out with households who have to go into quarantine for a number of weeks due to suspected Covid-19.

We must thank the Village Shops, and their Volunteers, for all their work and dedication in keeping our Village well stocked with food and groceries.

We are also aware that there have been many local support networks which have been set up to provide support within streets and areas of the Village- we thank you for that too. Our village Clubs, Societies and Churches are also maintaining contact with people and helping the Parish Council be aware of who may need help. Everywhere we see people responding with kindness and friendship.

If you would like your name added to the list of residents needing assistance at this challenging time - or if you would like to be a volunteer - please contact the

Haslingfield Support Team on 07545 159828
or email support@haslingfieldparish.co.uk.