

## COVID19 Wield Lockdown Guidance Jan 2021

In light of the latest Covid restrictions announced by the Govt on Monday, it is once again prudent to take stock of where we as a village stand. As a community we coped well with the first Lockdown and we can draw on the lessons learned.

**STAY HOME.** During this new Lockdown, the key requirement (legally enforced) is once again to STAY INDOORS, AT HOME.

**WHO, WHAT, HOW** In addition, the Parish Council will oversee requirements for assistance, operating on the tested and proven "Who, What, How?" process. To update this process **action is required now.**

### WHO?

- The identification of any vulnerable individuals or families who might need (or continue to need) assistance, noting that some might be reluctant to seek help.
- Selection of volunteer helpers.

### WHAT?

- Specific requests for help and any related offers of response.
- Any COVID related areas of concern or gaps.

This all leads to "**HOW?**" – (targeted assistance).

- **Localism.** Experience tells us that local self help and neighbourly assistance remains the best way ahead, making good use of social media in the form of the village WhatsApp ( Wield Together) – see more below.
- **Role of the Parish Council (PC)** The best contribution to be made by the PC is in a coordinating role, stepping in directly only when local help cannot be provided.

**So What? How can you help?** Apart from being prepared to assist others, the PC would be grateful for any "who & what" responses. In particular new volunteers please submit name and best contact; existing volunteers, please confirm willingness to continue. These responses will permit coordination of effort via:

- Visibility of the bigger picture and identification of gaps
- Matching need with availability
- Minimising duplication of effort

**Village WhatsApp Group (Wield Together).** As the group has inevitably become a general chat line, please highlight any Covid related issue with the heading "COVID". Any new applicant wishing to join the group should first email Alwin Hutchinson ( wieldpc@gmail.com) with name and mobile phone number to be used. (It is possible to leave the group at any time, and the number of alerts can also be reduced if they become intrusive.)

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