



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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A MESSAGE FROM DR LUKE EVANS MP

Dear Parish Councillor,

I am contacting you to say thank you for everything you are already doing for your local community, it has been heartening to see how people in our local area have already started to pull together in the face of the Coronavirus outbreak. We find ourselves in unprecedented times and the contribution made by Parish Councillors is more important than ever.

Whilst the Coronavirus pandemic is a global and national issue it is also, undoubtedly, a local one too. Coronavirus does not differentiate between what we look like or the views that we hold and it is vital that as community leaders, albeit from different political parties, we stand united in providing the best possible response to the communities and residents that we have responsibility for and are proud to represent.

The coming months are going to be tough. As more demands are placed on them, and staff face periods of sickness and isolation, our public services may struggle. We know that in times of need, understandably, local people call on local services for help. It may well be that we are not able to respond to all requests as quickly as you would hope for.

Our first duty is to do whatever we can to help the most vulnerable people in our towns and villages; the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

To that end I am writing to ask for your help, without putting yourself at risk please.

We need to know:

1. where the self-isolating people and vulnerable people are
2. know who is willing to help and how

The aim is to co-ordinate the two. You know your patches better than anyone else so I hope you might be able to help draw up lists and then feed them into the system. To do that Volunteers can contact **01455 632984** or register via the webpage: www.nextgenhinckley.org page, The Borough council are the correct body to orchestrate this.

I have also put in phone numbers for help you may want to distribute far and wide:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office:	0207 008 1500
Covid-19 for businesses use the Business Support Helpline:	0300 456 3565
HMRC dedicated Coronavirus Helpline:	0800 015 9559
Universal Credit Helpline	0800 328 5644
Health related:	111

The www.gov.uk web page has a huge amount of information for all purposes too.

Thank you for all that you are doing and will do in the coming months. If there is anything I or my office can do to help, please do get in touch. When we are in the worst of times we can see the best in people, I hope that we can all pull together to demonstrate this.

Stay safe,

Luke

Dr Luke Evans MP for Bosworth