

Covid -19 Community Group for Thirlwall - Circular 3

Thirlwall Parish Council Announcement re: Adapt North East ~ Covid-19 Emergency Funding

Please find information below in relation to £100,000 funding provided by Bernicia for all of Northumberland. Adapt North East has been asked by Northumberland County Council to administer the grant in West Northumberland; there is a pot of £20,000. This funding is available for households in Northumberland which are suffering hardship as a consequence of the Virus and the grants are designed to have direct and beneficial impact.

There are just a few limitations:

- Households referred under our part of the scheme should be living in the West of Northumberland.
- Households will be suffering hardship because of the virus and their need can include:
 - Change in financial circumstances
 - Breakdown in relationship
 - Delays in benefits payments or those under the special Covid-19 funding schemes
 - Changes in employment
 - Breakdown of essential household items e.g. washing machine
 - Unexpected fuel or other bills
 - Any other unexpected hardship will be considered...
- Every effort should have been made to access other sources of funding such as special Covid-19 schemes or Universal Credit.
- Businesses are not eligible under this scheme.

To find out more please contact the Chairperson of Thirlwall Parish Council:

Sue Seymour on email: sue@mospeteral.com

016977 47359 (mainline telephone) or **07935 259 416** (mobile).

Gilsland & Longbyre Covid-19 Community Group

Friends and neighbours are doing great work supporting each other. We also have volunteers happy to help out wherever needed. The Gilsland & Longbyre Covid-19 Community Group has been busy coordinating this. We aim to help the people living in and around Gilsland and Longbyre, to keep it small and local. Please don't be too shy or proud, just get in touch with the details below.

We continue to help with:

- The collection of medical prescriptions from Brampton & Haltwhistle;
- Posting parcels and other mail;
- Sorting out food parcels & sharing out some food donations to others in need; and,
- Help with information on services & businesses still working within the local community.

We cannot provide medical advice, or social care services. You should contact your GP or medical centre, the NHS or your local council about any of these issues. We thank all those who have willingly helped out to run all these errands & provided the support.

If you need any help:

- You can call Jayne for Gilsland village – 016977 47995 / 07852 131962
- You can call Janet for Upper Denton & Waterhead areas – 016977 47439
- You can email thirlwallcommunity@outlook.com and a group member will get back to you.
- You can also check for updates & message the Gilsland Village Hall Facebook page at:

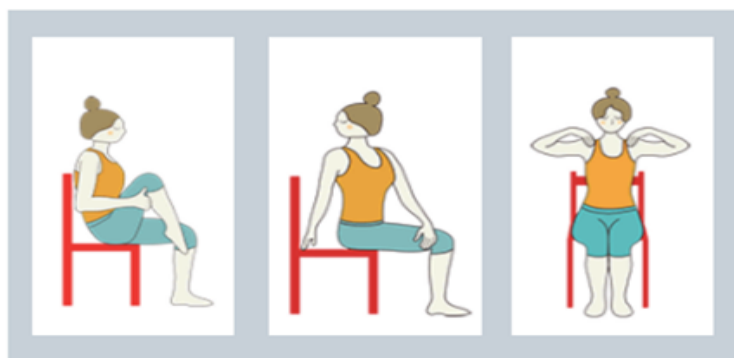
<https://www.facebook.com/GilslandVillageHall/>

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County Councils and Parish Councils Contact Information

<u>CUMBRIA</u>	<u>NORTHUMBERLAND</u>
COVID-19 Emergency Support Line Call: 0800 783 1966 Email: COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk <i>For people at high risk of being seriously ill because of COVID-19 & who have no support.</i>	Northumberland CC's COVID-19 webpage: www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus <i>This webpage provides the latest news and advice, and useful links for further information.</i>
Upper Denton & Waterhead Parish Councils Website: https://upperdentonpc.org.uk/	Thirlwall Parish Council Website: https://visitgilisland.org.uk/index.php/thirlwall-home.html

Would you like help to keep moving?



Green Croft Arts and **Move With Amanda** are offering a range of **FREE** activities to help you keep moving funded through the National Lottery Community Fund.

FREE Online Chair Yoga Sessions (via Zoom)

Wed 10:30 – 11:30 am

Friday 10:30 – 11:30 am

FREE Chair Yoga or Hatha Yoga DVD's for those not online posted to you.

1:1 sessions available.

If you or someone you know would like support then either call Amanda on 016977 47828 / 07944 994405 or email

info@greencroftonthewall.com

www.movewithamanda.co.uk / www.greencroftonthewall.com



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More Updates on Traders & Services – as before, please always check directly with them first to ensure their details are correct before you travel to them or make any payments to them.

Haltwhistle Butchers - are now open Tuesday to Saturday 9-1pm for meat and BBQ packs only (no hot counter at the moment) and still operating a pre-order delivery service only. Pay by Card or Bank Transfer. Could people please order via telephone **01434 322 322**.

I-Save Haltwhistle shop – now open but also still doing deliveries too.

Jethros Sandwich Bar – doing pre-orders. Tel. **01434 321086** Website: www.jethros-haltwhistle.com

Half Moon Wholefoods – Good news! Warwick Bridge Corn Mill has been saved and renovated by a trust of local supporters, and is now producing flour which can be purchased locally at Half Moon Wholefoods. Half Moon are also able to do deliveries and the shop in Brampton is open too.

To get in touch, call 016977 3775 or email halfmoonwholefoods@btconnect.com & visit their website at www.halfmoonwholefoods.co.uk

Haltwhistle Household Waste Recovery Centre now open

Open times: Friday – Monday 8am – 6pm (Closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)
Accepting cardboard, glass, TVs, small electrical appliances and bulky waste.

Thirlwall PC – Next Meeting – 8th July 2020

The next meeting of Thirlwall PC, with Covid-19 restrictions & social distancing permitting, will be on **Wednesday 8th July** and will hopefully be preceded by our annual meeting. Notices will be posted on the board at the Village Hall and in Longbyre to confirm this and will include information about arrangements for public attendance (or not) in these extraordinary times. In the meantime, please see the news pages of Thirlwall Parish Council website for recent photos and updates including:

- Chair's annual report
- Photos of the sparkling, repainted Play Park
- Photos of VE75 day in Longbyre
- Covid-19 community newsletters 1 and 2 - including traders details and advice/support agencies; and,
- Road closure notice - B6318 resurfacing between Greenhead and Gilsland 09/06/20-19/06/20.

The Haltwhistle Partnership is planning to establish a not-for-profit trading company to run a **Zero Waste shop** in Haltwhistle & is looking for volunteer directors to take the project forward. A manager (employed) & volunteer assistants will be recruited in due course. There is further info about this exciting community initiative on the website, haltwhistle.org If you are interested in being involved in any of the above roles please contact **Julie Gibbon** chairman@haltwhistle.org

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GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL

The hall is only open for the **Post Office Outreach Service** currently running on Thursday and now Friday mornings too - 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please follow the social distancing layout. They are bringing some items from their shop and you can always order items on Thursday to then pick up on Friday if you cannot get out of the village.

We also have a selection of secondhand books so please help yourselves - as the weather may change they will be in boxes under the memorial bench.

Although some businesses are coming out of lock down the hall will remain closed for the foreseeable future. I am pleased to state that we recently received a grant to cover the loss of income so the hall is in good financial condition and some decorating works and tidying will continue whilst closed. As ever call or contact with requests, questions or queries. Janet Gordon **016977 47439** or email on gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com

Local Covid-19 Support Group

We have received some government money to help the people of Gilsland and its surrounding areas with some additional support. This can be in the form of food parcels and household cleaning items, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. The funding is for anyone that needs a bit of extra help during the Covid-19 lock down. Perhaps you are shielding, on benefits or low income, even if you have 80% furloughed wage but it's not quite enough we can help. We make no judgement and need no information about your circumstances.

Just call Janet on **016977 47439** or email gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com.

This money is to help people in our community & it will have to be returned if it's not used.

FACE MASKS

Lovely handmade face masks for sale in aid of St Mary Magdalene Church including children's fun patterns.

Just order via patriciamsmith@mac.com or Tel: **47547**.

They will also be on display at the hall during the Post Office hours. Donations to the church also welcome and these as well as orders and payments for face masks can be placed in the Village Hall postbox by the front door (just make sure they are clearly marked)

£5 each or £9 for 2 - 20% off if Furloughed - or 90% if no job to go back to.

Future Circulation & Distribution

We want to email out this newsletter to as many people as possible. This will help keep costs down & safely limit the distance our delivery volunteers have to travel.

Therefore if you can provide us with an email address to use, please let us know at gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com

We would also welcome more volunteers to help us hand-deliver these Circulars to your neighbours – if you think you can help us, please get in touch via the Village Hall email address above.