**OFFORD DARCY AND OFFORD CLUNY**

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**UPDATE 3, REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Here are some useful contact details

The Offords Parish Council helpline:

07597 988763

(call or text)

Offord Parish Council email: clerk@offords-pc.gov.uk

Budgens store, Offord Cluny:

01480 819602

Rev Jes Salt:

01480 819377

jes.salt@btinternet.com

The Offords Facebook page:

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

The Parish Council website:

<https://offords-pc.gov.uk/>



T **The Parish Council helpline**

This has been well used for prescription collection and for advice on other Covid-19 lockdown challenges. Please continue to actively use it. We are here for you!

**Budgens**

Our local store has been relied on by many residents and can:

* Take orders over the phone (see above)
* Deliver within the Offords
* Do require payment by card over the phone. If this method of payment is difficult for any

 resident, please call the Parish Council helpline

**Foodbanks**

The Godmanchester Food Bank can help those facing financial difficulties. Please contact Rev Jes Salt whose details are above.

**More information**

Much information is available on the Offords Facebook page or the Parish council web site but if you have difficulty accessing this, please contact our helpline with your question or problem.

**Further Support**

The Parish Council set up the helpline and issues these updates because it is concerned about the wellbeing of all residents during these challenging times. Our primary focus is for those people who have few close friends and family available to help them and / or have limited access to the internet. We’ve some evidence that the **Simply Chat** service may be of help.

**Simply Chat**

If you would simply like to chat with someone (vetted by the Parish Council) about any issues related to the Offords and challenges posed by Covid-19 please phone or email the Offord Parish Council helpline and we can set that up for you.

**Social Contact** in times of Social Distancing.

Many people are using phones and apps such as Zoom and WebEx to stay in contact with friends and families in this time of social distancing. We’d like to invite anyone who would be interested in setting up such tele-conferences specifically targeted at the various Offords communities (for example groups with interests such as gardening, music, or simply living in the same area or street). We’re especially interested in sessions for those who can only join through a telephone (i.e. no web access or video). If you think you can help, please phone or email the Offord Parish Council helpline.

**Book Exchange**

At the last Annual Parish Meeting there was a request for some form of book exchange within the Offords. The Parish Council has progressed this but hasn’t yet been able to erect the three ”pop up” libraries we’ve acquired. We’ve now had more requests for access to books as people haven’t been able to visit libraries. We are working on how to address this within current guidelines and will report progress on The Offords Facebook page. If you do not have access online or you are in desperate need of books to read please contact the telephone helpline.

**Photographs**

Please do continue to take photographs and you and your family, and the Offords, during lockdown. We’d love to share them in the community and you may even win a prize at one the parties that will surely take place once we head back to normal

**Helping the Parish Council**

And finally, we deliver this leaflet online and through Budgens. We also deliver to any household we think might not have online access and would appreciate a paper copy through their letter box.

This is quite time consuming and so we would greatly appreciate it if anyone receiving a paper copy who doesn’t need it, could let us know with a call, text or email:

* Offord Parish Council helpline: 07597 988763 (call or text)
* Email: clerk@offords-pc.gov.uk

Likewise, if anyone knows of a resident who is not receiving a paper copy and needs one, please let us know.