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The offers of help that are coming in from all quarters are very heartening. Thank you all.

It is very important that everyone continues to follow the **official advice** - which is being updated daily. This can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> The stark message is:

- **IF YOU GO OUT, YOU CAN SPREAD IT. PEOPLE WILL DIE**
- **ACT LIKE YOU'VE GOT IT, ANYONE CAN SPREAD IT**
- **ANYONE CAN GET IT, ANYONE CAN SPREAD IT.**

Information on maintaining your **wellbeing** during this crisis: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

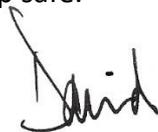
Shropshire Council has an **information page** which is <https://shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/#> and also has a **dedicated Helpline**, during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, to help those who are vulnerable and in need of help. The number is 0345 678 9028, and is available from 8am to 6pm weekdays, and 9am to 1pm Saturdays. Please note that this Helpline cannot provide coronavirus health advice or other health advice.

Anyone struggling with their **Council Tax** payments should contact the Council's revenues and benefits teams on 0345 678 9002. Kerbside **waste collections** are continuing as normal, although recycling centres are closed. If your collection is scheduled for Good Friday (10th April) it will be as normal. There will be no collection on Easter Monday and all collections in that week will be one day late, the last collection day therefore being Saturday 18th April. Shropshire Fire & Rescue have issued advice against having **bonfires**.

There are lots of activities aimed at helping those who are unable to leave their home, even within the government limitations. Locally, much of this is hosted on Facebook and there are several groups in the villages providing bespoke support to the vulnerable. Through all of this, **local traders** are working hard to supply the vulnerable and isolated in our communities. Please support them wherever you can.

Groups such as **Much Wenlock Mutual Aid** is co-ordinating offers of help in delivering groceries, prescriptions, dog-walking etc., and if you'd like to help, please email wenlockrectory@btinternet.com, with 'Mutual Aid' in the subject line. **If you need assistance**, either telephone 07808 071276 or email MuchWenlockMutualAid@gmail.com.

I've suspended my regular advice surgeries for the time being. If you feel that you need help that can't be found through the links above, and you think I might be able to help, please use the contact information below. **If you are feeling isolated and vulnerable currently, I am here for you. Please feel free to ring me for a chat, on the numbers below.** Please keep safe.



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