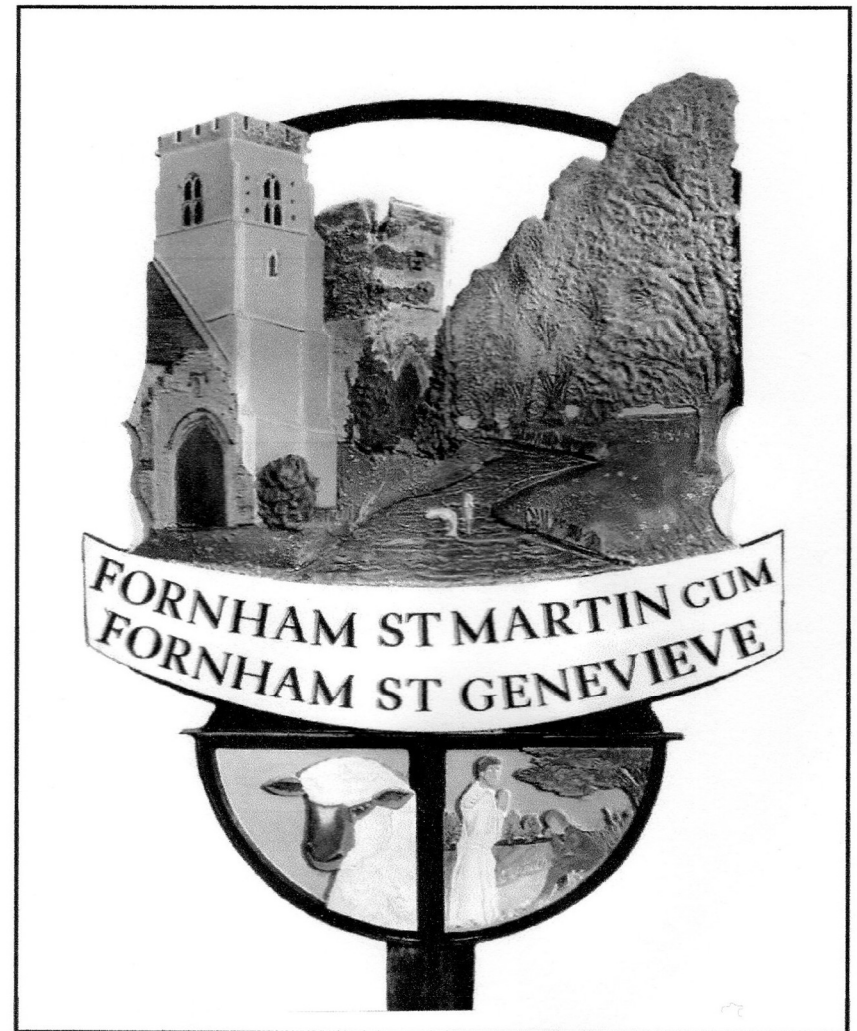
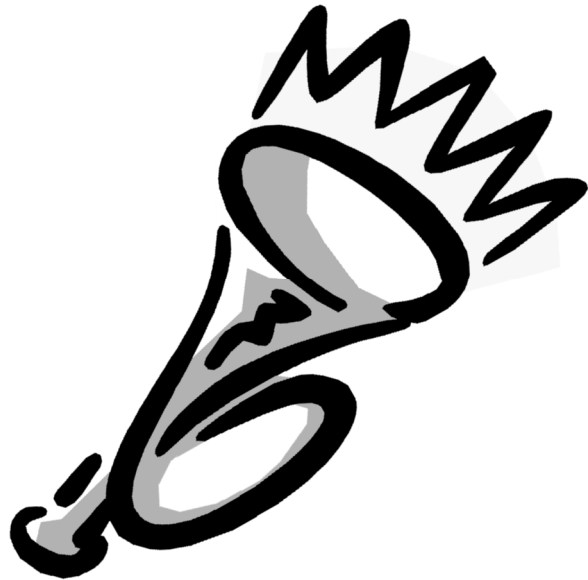


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2020 Parish Council Meetings

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME

Meeting are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month,
with the exception of August and December.

All meetings start at 7:30 pm

What's on in Fornham St Martin Village Hall

Weekly

Monday	5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Slimming World
Tuesday	10:00 am to 12 noon	Mums & Toddlers**
Thursday	10:00 am to 3:30 pm	Patchwork
Friday	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Whist Drive in aid of St Nicholas Hospice

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Monthly

1st Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Sewing Craft
1st Wed	7:15 pm to 10:00 pm	Military Whist Drive in aid of Air Ambulance
1st Thurs		
1st Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
2nd Tues	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Garden Club (not January)
2nd Wed		
3rd Mon	10:00 to 12 noon	Probus Ladies
3rd Wed	10:00 to 4:00 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)
3rd Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Ladies Club
3rd Fri	12 noon to 4:00 pm	Spinners and Weavers
3rd Sun		
4th Wed	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Mary's Quilters
4th Wed	7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	Card Making (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

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Parish Council, Village Hall Committees

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We have enough volunteers that it will never be too much to ask – please use this service when you need it. If the phone goes to voicemail, please leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP.

The Parish Council would like to offer THANKS to Stacy and the Stennett's and all the volunteers involved.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLED MEETINGS

Following on from the Government's announcement on Monday 16 March, together with the guidance from Public Health England and West Suffolk Council & NALC, in relation to COVID-19, the Council has made the decision to postpone all meetings until further notice.

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meetings will not proceed as normal. Details of how to access the Council's remote online meeting this July 2020, will be published on the Parish Council website soon.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Vicky Bright, CiLCA - Clerk / Proper Officer

22/05/2020

CHURCH NEWS

As you can imagine there's not a lot to report at the moment, particularly for the future. With great regret we have cancelled all the remaining social events till the end of the year, due to this terrible Coronavirus.!

That includes the book sales, fete, concert, wedding festival, Hymns and Pimms. We hope to perhaps do some towards the end of the year, restrictions permitted, maybe another Quiz Night as February's was so popular, so watch this space.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which Churchwardens and PCC members are elected for the next year, planned for 14 April, was cancelled, on Diocese instructions, with the deadline to hold these in all churches extended to 31 October. Present Churchwardens terms of office have been extended to end of the year, by 'kind' permission of Bishop Martin.!

As reported in the last Bugle, Revd Canon Mark Haworth has left to take up another less onerous position near Newmarket, but unfortunately the due processes to find, interview and appoint a replacement Team Rector for the 10 churches in our Lark Valley and North Bury Benefice, are put on hold.

In the meantime of course we do have a very capable staff team of clergy, including Revd Sylvia Bareham, who lives in FSM. She, and others are issuing services for each Sunday, digitally and with the benefit of 'zoom' for those able to access it, as the church, like all in the country, have been closed for services since middle of March.

It is hoped some form of access may be allowed in the near future, so watch the noticeboard for details when it is issued by the Diocese.

Not only did we miss holding such important services in Holy Week as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, but by now also Ascension Day and Pentecost. These are very important Festival Services in the Church, and whilst prayers and due diligence were made in our homes, there is no adequate substitute for meeting together in church, for collective fellowship.

For those who normally receive the church magazine, which of course covers all the church activities and social events in the Lark Valley Benefice of 7 country churches, we have decided not to deliver these personally in June, following Guidance from the Church of England nationally, issued by our Bishop Martin, to restrict health risk by personal



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contact, and they have been left in the church porch for collection by everyone.

Unfortunately Christian Aid Week was cancelled too, which will of course result in a huge loss of vital income for CA, to use in their life saving support to those in poorer countries. But if anyone would like to donate, and lots do in FSM, cheques can be sent to David, or use the Just Giving site.

Similarly of course, our church is going to feel the pinch from loss of income from all the cancelled events, estimated at some £5000. This will affect our ability to cover the normal expenses of routine maintenance to the building, as well as keeping the churchyard tidy and trimmed, together with the standard running costs, payable to the Diocese for clergy costs. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone would like to make a donation, or perhaps better, join our regular giving by our Planned Giving Scheme, with monthly envelopes or standing orders, with suitable and affordable amounts. Its only by supporting the parish church can it be kept going for the future. Normal running costs are some £400 per week. Please contact David for details if you can help.

For those in our 100 Club, we have delayed making the monthly draw for the 3 prizes, to limit contact with the winners, as well as ourselves! We will catch up with multiple draws for April and after.

Over the last month cremation funerals have been held for Pauline Bungay, Joan Moore, Joyce Bridges, Michael Youngs, Eileen Hooker and Jean Watts. Michael lived in FSM for a long time, and served on the Parish Council for many years, including as Chairman, and so his memory and contributions to the community in the village, will be remembered with gratitude by many. Also the burial in the churchyard of Rosalie Short, in the existing grave of her husband Ernest, buried in 1985. With the current Coronavirus restrictions, no services have been held in the church, but some families are considering memorial services later in the year, when families can join together. All are in our prayers, with condolences to the families.

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well, and keeping well clear of this dreadful virus, and finding enough ways to keep amused and stay sane.!

Hopefully by the time the next Bugle is issued, things will have improved, to some form of normality. In the meantime, lets enjoy this fine sunny weather - Its Summer !

David Yates and Beryl Dykes, Churchwardens

King George Playing Field Eco Initiatives

Residents will have seen the details of the planned Eco Initiatives and improvements for our important village amenity in recent editions of the Bugle. This will make our recreational area more wildlife friendly with Bird, Bat and Owl Boxes, Bug Hotels, and Hedgehog houses, Wild flowers etc.

Your Parish Council as Trustees of the Playing Field are anxious to make sure that this amenity is enjoyed by as many residents as possible and we are glad to report that the first phase of the initiative; including planting 24 assorted fruit trees has now taken place. Many thanks to all volunteers who attended to help. The trees are doing really well and are being watered regularly by our volunteer, David Randall, the Parish Council extend the warmest thanks to him for his help and hard work.

Phase two will start as soon as things return to normal following COVID-19, we are looking for volunteers to help, children are welcome too!

A key area going forward will be watering the young trees in a few weeks' time and we are looking for any volunteers who would like to be involved to assist with this. If you would like to help please contact our Clerk Vicky who will provide more information **fsmgpc@gmail.com** or **Tel: 07712 232920**


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The Village Hall

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Our Hall Manager, Roger Farnell, continues to look after the Hall to a high standard.

As the Hall can be extremely busy at certain times of the month, when it is used on every day of the week and sometimes more than once a day, it was decided to appoint a Cleaner, Jamie, to support Roger. This greatly helps, and gives Roger a much needed break. Jamie started with us in January and works one week a month.

We continue to maintain the Hall as needed and for the larger jobs when funds allow, but we were able to have the ceiling in the main Hall re-plastered thanks to the offer of work from Morgan Sindall, contractors at the Waste Hub. This was very much appreciated.

Now everything has come to a standstill. The Hall is closed. Our waste collection cancelled and the empty green bin has been put inside the Hall. Our planned programme for essential works has had to be put on hold. Our AGM has been postponed until later in the year.

Thankfully Roger is able to continue to look after the Hall and regularly checks the heating and lighting, and runs the water through the pipes. He has also taken on the task of looking after the garden. At the moment though our cleaner is on 'furlough', ready to start back when the call comes. The Committee continues to keep in touch with one another regularly by phone and e-mail.

When we are told that we are able to open up the Hall again for use, we appreciate that this will have to be done under strict Government guidelines. Roger and Jamie will be giving the Hall a thorough clean before any groups return.

Let's hope it won't be too long.

In the meantime - Keep Safe.

Village Hall Management Committee

Paul Butler, Jean Cook, Peter Freeman, Maureen and Phil Hockett, John Sommerville

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END YEAR ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Following NALC's engagement with government around local council audit timeframes final regulations came into force on 30 April. These extend the statutory audit deadlines for 2019/20, to 30th November 2020. The Council's 2019/20 accounts summary is now available to view on the Council's website;
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Fornham St Martin Rock Trail

Rock Down

'Strange Days' as Jim Morrison 'rock god' of The Doors sang about 50 years ago. And lockdown is proving to be a very strange time indeed in the Fornhams.

I think everyone has noticed how much quieter the village is, much less traffic noise, but much more bird song – so not all bad ! And a number of people have mentioned how quickly nature is already starting to 'make a come-back'.

However there are many, many more people out on the streets and footpaths: walking, jogging and cycling. All properly socially distancing, of course, but willing to shout: 'Hello !' and 'How you doing ?'

So I decided to start putting out the new rocks slightly earlier than originally intended. And it's been lovely to meet so many of you: old friends and new, who have just discovered the Rock Trail and joined in the fun.

Possibly because there are more people out walking, with their children, there's been a significant increase in the number posting on our Facebook Page, Fornham St Martin Rock Trail. More please !

It's also nice to see some new ones done by the children themselves showing up. Keep up the good work; it adds a lot of enjoyment to what for a lot of people is their only walk of the day. One lovely, little, lady requested butterflies: so there are now a lot of them fluttering about out there. Hope she finds some.

Obviously feel free to take your finds home with you . . . feel equally free to put them back somewhere different on your next outing, so it can be a nice surprise for someone else.

Rock on and stay safe

GARDEN CLUB

Since the Coronavirus lockdown was introduced in late March, we have been unable to hold our monthly meetings. These will remain cancelled for the foreseeable future, along with the outings planned for later this summer. The Committee will be in touch with you as soon as we are in a position to restart. Meanwhile, I am sure everyone is extremely busy making the most of this weather and getting their gardens into tip-top shape! The weather has certainly been conducive to all types of garden work.

By the time this issue reaches you, most garden centres will be open (eg, Dobies, Hillcrest), although others may still only be doing mail order, or opening by appointment only (eg, Marlows). I would advise ringing ahead or checking websites for up-to-date information. I know compost has been in short supply and if this remains the case the following companies supply peat-free compost and other garden products:

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- SylvaGrow (melcourt.co.uk; 01666 502711). Deliver nationwide.
- Dandys (dandys.com/products; 01244 2800080). Deliver nationwide.

If you are missing the opportunity to get out and visit other gardens, there are some wonderful gardens and garden designers with Instagram accounts, many doing regular virtual tours of their gardens. Adam Frost's weekly videos (currently on Friday around 5 pm) are highly watchable and very entertaining (@adamfrostdesign); others can be found "@": fullers_mill_garden; jamesasinclair; jekkasheerbfarm; jothompsonsgarden; joe_swifty; kewgardens; highgrovegarden; chelsea_physic_garden; racheldethame; the_carol_klein; themontydon; the_rhs; greatdixterofficial; bethchattogardens; gardensillustrated; sarahravenperchhill, to name but a few!

and borough councils are supporting local groups to ensure that funds are available and that food is getting to those most in need.

Community Action Suffolk are in weekly contact with the 60+ foodbanks across the county to access demand. Suffolk County Council are in the process of granting £30,000 to FairShare (who have a depot in Ipswich) which will fund 540 (100kg) loads to be delivered to foodbanks in need. FairShare will also take delivery of UN Army Surplus food supplies kindly donated through the Suffolk Community Foundation by Vestey Foods with a cost value of £120,000 which will be used to supplement the loads. The Army have offered assistance to FairShare to help with distribution if required.

Housing: More than 800 rooms of accommodation have already been found for vulnerable people or key workers requiring temporary accommodation. Homes have also been found for Suffolk's rough sleepers. We are working hard to ensure that we can meet the demand placed on the system as the pandemic continues, including the housing of prisoners, or those facing domestic abuse.

As we head into the Easter weekend, Suffolk's NHS, emergency and public services have issued a message reminding people of their duty to **stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives**. We are being reminded that this is a public emergency, not a public holiday.

MICHAEL YOUNGS

Your Parish Council is sad to report the passing of one of our past Councillors. Michael Youngs passed away peacefully on the 17th April aged 83 years.

Michael was formally a lecturer at West Suffolk College and was a Parish Councillor and a past Chairman. He was a member of our Parish Council from the early Nineties and was Chairman during the year that Fornham St Martin was "runner up" to the Village of the Year Competition around the Millennium.

Michael was very much involved in our village contributing greatly and only retired from the Council in 2015.

We would wish to send our sincere condolences to his large family at this sad time. A private funeral will take place for Michael.

The Parish Council

Community Action Suffolk is also leading a piece of work to map the fantastic response within local communities to support and help those in need. To date, 1437 community groups, VCSE organisations, town and parish councils, church groups and private businesses have been mapped that provide a vast range of services and support including, but not exclusively, shopping, medication collection & delivery, befriending and delivery of hot meals. Registration remains open on the CAS website and can be accessed here:

<https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/coronavirus-community-emergency-response/>

Tribe Volunteer App: We have had a great response to the call-out for volunteers with more than 1,200 people signing up. We will update app users shortly with improvements to the app, which should enable local voluntary and community groups to connect with nearby volunteers. Thanks to all those who have registered and, as you can see from the case studies above, volunteers are being matched to need across Suffolk and the need for volunteers will undoubtedly increase as the pandemic continues. We'll keep you updated on how the App is developing to support this work.

Parish and Town Councils: Town and parish councils across Suffolk have prioritised the most vulnerable and addressed the risks associated with increased isolation as a result of the current lockdown. Activity includes leaflet drops, increased resources at community shops, volunteer coordination, partnership working with PCCs and other voluntary groups, district and county councillors, clustering by larger councils with smaller surrounding villages, good neighbour schemes, dedicated websites acting as information hubs, organising prescription deliveries through to being a voice at the end of a phone.

Food deliveries and logistics: We have been asked by Government to provide short-term food parcels to those identified on the Government's shielding list. In Suffolk this is around 17,500 people. This work has been ongoing and food parcels have been delivered. This week Aldi agreed to set aside bulk amounts of their stock in order for us to fulfil these deliveries. We were offered the help of free vans to collect the food from John Gross and Tru7 Group, based in Martlesham. We have also had offers of support from Flagship Group.

Food banks: Funding has been committed for foodbanks which has been administered through the Suffolk Community Foundations wider Emergency Covid-19 Fund. The fund has raised more than £300,000 during the first 10 days since launching. Organisations can apply for up to £5,000 with applications being turned around within 24 hours and money granted within 5 working days. So far over £100k has been allocated to food related support across the county and more than £200,000 to other emergency interventions. Additionally district

Many of the garden owners who usually open for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) are also filming virtual tours. It is possible to make a donation online to the NGS in lieu of what you might have spent during a real visit. As we have all read, charities are seeing a worrying fall in their income and this is a wonderful way of supporting all the nursing and health beneficiary charities the NGS supports (ngs.org.uk). You can also sign up to their e-newsletter to get updates.

In the latest issue of the RHS magazine "The Garden", Sue Biggs (RHS Director General) writes that RHS gardens will open as soon as Government advice allows, when they will hold a Members Only Week to "celebrate and thank our members for supporting us". The websites of the individual RHS gardens also all provide very good "virtual visits". The RHS currently hopes to run the following shows: Hampton Court Palace (rescheduled for 9-15 September), Hyde Hall Flower Show (5-9 August), Rosemoor Flower Show (14-16 August) and Wisley Flower Show (8-13 September), all subject to prevailing Government advice. You can keep an eye on the current situation by visiting rhs.org.uk. It is still possible (I think!) to purchase plants from the nurseries who would have supplied plants for Chelsea and many of the other shows that were cancelled. Buying direct would be an excellent way of helping these specialist nurseries and save many plants from being wasted. The RHS has listed these nurseries at rhs.org.uk/supportournurseries.

The Fornham Garden Club will, I am sure, be up and running again before too long - when we can get the 2020-2021 programme underway! We are always very keen to see new members.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Fornham St Martin Village Hall. Anybody with any queries about the meetings, outings or membership should contact the Chairman (Keith Jones, 728077). Hoping to see you all again before too long!



For your information, we are planning to carry out carriageway patching, surface dressing and associated works on B1106 The Street, Fornham All Saints and Fornham St Genevieve in the period between 20 and 27 May 2020 during the hours of 9am and 4pm. This will require a temporary road closure so that we can carry out our works safely. Traffic cones may also be placed to prevent on-street parking so our work site is unobstructed.

As we plan roadworks in advance, we schedule extra days to allow for bad weather or other delays beyond our control. If we need to make major changes to our work dates, we will update the information signs on site.

During the unprecedented measures we are all having to take at the moment, although we have scheduled this work to take place on the date shown, circumstances may mean that the work start date may be changed. We will do our best to update you on any changes, but as you will appreciate, our resources are focused on keeping Suffolk's highway network safe at this most challenging time as our service is critical to ensuring safe travel for our emergency and health services, and for those carrying out essential tasks.

A plan showing the diversion route for these works is attached to this email. When we close the road and put a diversion in place, the route needs to be accessible to vehicles of all shapes and sizes. We make our diversions as clear as possible by placing appropriate signing along the route. More information about diversion routes can be found on our "Temporary road closures for Suffolk Highways roadworks" webpage.

Please note: our staff follow a range of health and safety measures, including the two-metre social distancing rule and cleaning down equipment more frequently and regularly. If you see any of our staff inspecting or working on the highway, for your safety and theirs, please keep your distance to allow them to do their work safely.

We will not be distributing letters to householders who may be affected by our works so anything you can do to update your community would be much appreciated, for example using any websites, Twitter or Facebook accounts you may use in your role – the latest updates on our works can be found on our website at "Temporary road closures for Suffolk Highways roadworks" and on the OneNetwork website <https://one.network/>

There may be times that essential emergency works are required to take place on the highway network without advanced notice – you can follow Suffolk Highways on Twitter for the latest emergency roadwork updates - Twitter.

Please contact us on 0345 606 6171 if you have any questions.

- A relative who lives out of the area had concerns for her 92-year-old mother who lives alone and has vascular dementia so phoned the phoneline. The community response officer spoke to a local support coordinator who made contact with the mother and provided help and support that day. The family sent an email which said *'thank you so very much for your amazing response and so quick...I am feeling so much happier knowing there is someone out there willing to give up their time for me and my family'*.
- A 74-year-old woman in self-isolation was struggling with food and medication and didn't want to be a burden on her family. She was signposted to a local volunteer project who helped her with her shopping and medication. Her details were also passed to a befriending scheme who matched her up to a volunteer who will call her for a chat. She was linked with Our Special Friends who can walk her dog for her. The woman reported feeling 'very happy' knowing there was support available.
- Community response officers helped a 91-year-old man who had no close support network and was in urgent need of food supplies. We gathered local intelligence about shops nearby who took payment over the phone and found volunteers who could deliver the food. In the end, the man just needed to place his food order and pay over the phone. He said he was very thankful for the support and the speed in which it was conducted.
- A father-of-two who was shielding following a kidney transplant last year was put in touch with his parish council and from there a local volunteer was arranged to offer support and food deliveries.

These are just a snapshot of the great work going on as Suffolk comes together to respond to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Volunteering within communities:

Voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations: Community Action Suffolk, who sit on the Board, has put together a suite of resources and toolkits to support the coordination of new community groups. The guides range from very short information to consider when first setting up, to a more comprehensive toolkit on how to set up a structured group. There is a separate toolkit for groups that may be re-purposing, as changing the usual daily offer to manage Covid-19 volunteers can be complex. This toolkit will support groups with how they may need to do things differently. We have also added guidance around handling money and shopping as we understand this to be a particular challenge.

These resources can all be found on CAS website here <https://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/covid-19-response/covid-response-communities/>



