



Hi Everyone

The last few days have started to give an indication of how much of an impact Covid19 is going to have. Sadly we are only at the start of a growing infection rate. Isolation is so important. Please only go out if you have to. As the weather starts to improve the temptation is to head to the beach and out onto our footpaths, but you should now be treating everyone as though they are possibly infected. Stay a safe distance away at all times. The latest information can be accessed at covid19.gov.im.

Thanks to everyone for observing the new rules about bin collections this week. Just a reminder that all bin lids must be closed as we do not want our staff to directly handle waste. This has highlighted a few homes who don't have bins. If you're in that position please get in touch and let's see what we can sort out. Please compact your waste and make sure bins are closed. It would really help the collection if you can bring bins to the kerb edge for Tuesday morning. Please help your neighbours if they need it. Please share space in your bin if you have some. If you have confirmed or suspected Covid cases in your house, please double bag the waste and leave inside for 72 hours before putting into the bin. Wipe down bin handles etc after you have touched them.

We have made representations to DoI about closing the bring bank recycling facility. We will be keeping pressure on them to reopen the bring banks if possible. Until that time squish your cans and store your glass. Please don't put them in your household waste as they don't burn.

The Catwalk one way system seems to be working reasonably well. We will be adding some extra NO ENTRY signs at the Underway end of the path for those who can't read the existing signs. We will be adding additional signage at Perwick as well, reminding everyone to keep their distance and wait for others to pass at a safe margin. A big shout out to Ricky at Quine & Cubbon who has provided the signs free of charge as his contribution to the safety of our community. Thanks Ricky!

Can I remind everyone that the parking spaces in front of the shops in Bay View Road are not for long term parking? Please leave these spaces clear to allow everyone to safely access the CoOp, Clear Pharmacy and Calvert's Newsagents. We are no longer enforcing the time limits in our car parks, so there should be enough parking to go round. Please do not park on double yellow lines as this restricts emergency vehicle access.

Every house in Port St Mary had a letter through last week, offering help if needed. The number to call is 274507 and the lovely Will Gelling will help put you in touch with volunteers to help with shopping etc.

Lastly, the Commissioners have agreed that while the restrictions remain in place we will NOT be enforcing the No Dogs on the Beach for Chapel Beach. This will allow people walking dogs to continue to use the beach and stay clear of other people. Please can we ask that you keep dogs under control, on a lead if the beach is busy, and ensure you clear up any dog mess on the beach. Don't wait for the tide to carry it away! Obviously residents may be using the beach for their daily exercise and we don't want the presence of dogs to have a negative impact on other beach users. But given that none of us can go and spend a day on the beach, we are confident that there is enough space for everyone. Share the space responsibly please.

Stay home. Stay safe. Call if you need help.

Socially distant virtual hugs to all
Michelle



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