



Weekly News Bulletin for Community and Voluntary Groups, Town and Parish Councils, Partners and Hub Update Subscribers

Updates from the Community Support Hub



National Restrictions – Leader Lynne Doherty and Chief Executive Nick Carter issued the following announcements this week to discuss the National Restrictions that will remain in place until Wednesday 2 December. You can view these communications here:

- [Coronavirus Weeknotes #34 and #35](#) - As well as encouraging everyone to follow the rules, there's an explanation of the new local contact tracing system just launched (more also below).
- [Residents Covid-19 Bulletin](#) – Along with information on restrictions, the Bulletin covers a summary of support for residents and businesses, and an update on our Council Services.

Separately, our Leader Lynne Doherty announced [support for businesses](#) and [support for residents](#).

New Covid-19 Dashboard for Berkshire region (www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk) - provides real-time data on Covid-19 cases across the Berkshire region including West Berkshire along with Bracknell Forest, Reading, Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Slough and Wokingham. Using the dashboard's interactive map, residents can search for results in their area and compare them with statistics for the rest of Berkshire, the South East region and England as a whole. The site also provides residents with comprehensive guidance on the national restrictions. [More details.](#)



Local Contract Tracing – The Public Protection Partnership (PPP) and Public Health teams have set up local contact tracing for COVID-19 in order to complement the national NHS Test and Trace system and help control the spread of the virus in our local area. Trained council employees will be contacting residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 but have not been able to be reached by the national NHS Test and Trace system. The local contact tracers will remind residents of their legal duty to self-isolate, request the details of their close contacts, and help residents access local help and support.

We are now
live.
Local contact
tracing
West Berkshire



If you receive a call from our local contact tracing team, it will be from a 01635 number, and same number will be used every time for any further calls with you if needed. A local contact tracer will never ask for any financial information, passwords or payment.

For further information, we have launched a dedicated Local Contact Tracing page on the Council website, which includes FAQ's and can be accessed via this link: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/local-contact-tracing>. If you have any queries, please contact PPP on: ehadvice@westberks.gov.uk.

Free vaccine for eligible groups People most at risk from the complications of flu are recommended to get a flu vaccine every year. This winter it is especially important with flu and Covid-19 both in circulation. Research shows that if you get both at the same time you may be more seriously ill.

Due to high demand for the flu vaccine, there may be some delays getting a vaccination appointment. Your GP surgery or pharmacy should be able to tell you when more appointments are available.

If you are eligible for the free flu vaccine, you may get it either from your own GP practice or any pharmacy offering NHS flu vaccinations. The NHS website explains in further detail [who is eligible for a FREE flu vaccine](#).



NHS
‘JUST THE FLU?’

The flu virus kills thousands every year. The flu vaccine is the best protection for you and those around you.

JUST GET YOUR FREE FLU JAB
Ask your pharmacist or GP if you're eligible.

Flu vaccine help us help you

REMINDER: The Community Champion Awards 2020 Deadline is nearly upon us

Community Champion



Nominations open until
20 November 2020

[info.westberks.gov.uk/
communitychampion](http://info.westberks.gov.uk/communitychampion)



Greenham Trust

West Berkshire COUNCIL

Please kindly get your nominations in by the 20 November deadline.

These awards will honour those who have gone above and beyond to support residents throughout West Berkshire. Four new Covid-specific awards have been added to recognise the fantastic contributions by locals. All awards will be judged by an independent panel. The winners will be announced in January 2021.

[See award categories and make your nominations](#). Self-nominations are warmly encouraged.

In this video, [Councillor Graham Pask, Chairman of West Berkshire Council, explains the Community Champion Awards for 2020](#), and invites you to make your nominations.

Can West Berkshire Lottery support your good cause?

If you are a local, not for profit organisation or group and would like to sign up to raise funds through the West Berkshire Lottery you can do so for free and take advantage of the great offers to help you with your fundraising. Visit the [West Berkshire Lottery website](#) to register today.

This week we reminded our residents to support their local community today for just £1 per ticket to be in with the chance of winning weekly cash prizes up to the £25,000 jackpot.

As a special extra, if people enter by Saturday, 19 December, they will also be entered into a national draw that evening for the chance of winning one of five Entertainment Bundles. Each Entertainment Bundle contains an Amazon Echo Show 8, Echo Dot 3rd Gen and a Fire 7 Tablet. The Entertainment Bundle national draw results will be announced at 8pm on 19 December on the [lottery website](#).



Since its launch in March 2019 West Berkshire Lottery has raised more than £98,000 for local charities. So far, there are 125 local causes signed up for players to choose to support including PTAs, Sports Clubs, Community Associations, Animal Welfare, and so much more. Out of every £1 West Berkshire lottery ticket purchased, 50p goes directly to the lottery player's chosen charity and 10p goes into the Council's good cause fund, used to further support the local community.

The lottery is a very effective way for the local community to show their support at this time. Just 20 ticket sales secure annual funds (paid monthly) of over £500 and many are raising almost £2000 this year.

Good news stories – please keep them coming in!

We love to feature your good news stories on our social media and [Hub Facebook](#) page and you can find more about the wonderful work of West Berkshire's volunteers on our [Local Heroes](#) website. Please contact us to share your stories and volunteer photos. It's a great way to say a public thank you to your volunteers and your local community.

With our grateful thanks and best wishes, The Hub Team

*Please ensure that all queries about any individual cases are directed to the Hub via the general email westberksbct@westberks.gov.uk or by calling **01635 503579**. This is to ensure they are dealt with promptly, effectively and in line with guidelines on dealing with vulnerable adults.*