



At the very beginning of the present Coronavirus Epidemic Knapton Parish Council acknowledged that as an isolated rural village we needed to be here to help our friends and neighbours. John one of our councillors volunteered to set up a single telephone contact, this was advertised throughout the village, and a mail-drop to every house, delivered by the Parish Councillors themselves. A text version of what help we could give was also sent to the EDP and was on their help pages daily, some days we got an extra mention with a picture of the village sign.

If you are self-isolating we can help to	This service is being provided by Knapton Parish Council You can find out more about how we can help : www.knaptonvillage.org
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pick up urgent shopping• pick up urgent supplies• pick up prescriptions• post parcels or letters	Knapton's Angels 01263 363456 Call us Mon-Fri between 9am-3pm
Stay Safe Be vigilant and wary of strangers offering help Always ask to see ID, preferably through a window	one of our councillors will respond as quickly as possible to do all they can to help you All of our councillors carry a photo ID badge You can verify our councillors Photo ID on-line at https://knaptonvillage.org/barish_council/#loc

Initially when someone called in for help the telephone number rang out to the first person to answer, volunteers' phones were linked to the main number and they responded to the request for help. John then decided that it was important to keep a record of who was doing what, within a few days two volunteers had regular deliveries. These were mainly collecting shopping from North Walsham and daily collection of papers, bread, and other essentials from Trunch Corner Stores. Those using the Trunch Corner Stores were encouraged to set up accounts or pay via card over the phone for goods needed, this was to save the volunteer from handling cash. A very big thank you should go to Jenny and Chris at Trunch Corner Stores and Post Office for all their help during this difficult time. In addition to the basic necessities of life we found that there were people in the village who were just lonely and wanted a friendly voice to chat to, so other volunteers were asked to call them as friends.

The Parish Council Chairman and Editor of the Knapton News decided that it was important that the initial advertising of help needed to be re-advertised and include the latest Coronavirus information. With this in mind an edition of the Knapton News was produced in the middle of May, this contained the vital contact information for village help, the latest Covid 19 information and in addition we were as a village were of reminded and celebrated VE Day with an article highlighting those who gave their lives in World War 2 and the events for VE day in Knapton in 1945.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who came forward to help during this period, and we must include Sarah Hammond who runs English Peonies based in Knapton who during those dark weeks at the beginning produced bags of fresh flowers for the volunteers to deliver to the recipients of help.

To date we have helped 8 households with shopping deliveries which total **214 daily deliveries** of papers, and essentials, plus **14 weekly shopping deliveries**, 9 households with prescription requests, before the medical centres started to deliver to patients, there has been at least, 2 regular telephone conversations set up. Our thanks as a village must go to the **14 volunteers** who have been on call to help our those in need. Many others have helped their neighbours too, but that has not been recorded only those who called our Knapton Angels number.

During this period of uncertainty and disruption the Village of Knapton has come together as a strong community with many helping their neighbours and supporting those who are alone and vulnerable. **WELL DONE KNAPTON!!!**