

Message from the Mayor 23rd March 2020



So much has changed since my message last week and the situation has rapidly moved on - however despite these difficult and uncertain times, it never ceases to amaze me how our community pulls together to help each other out. I am personally grateful to the residents of Looe and the surrounding areas that, under the Town Council's leadership, have rapidly formed one of the strongest and most proactive volunteer networks in Cornwall. So, what are we doing and how can you help or get support?

Over the next few of days we will be distributing a Covid-19 help leaflet to every household in Looe.

We have had over 900 registrations through the corona virus Facebook page, however I would encourage all those who have come forward to please complete the online form to enable us to officially add you to our volunteering data base. Please visit <https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus.php> or if this is not possible you can email volunteer@looetowncouncil.gov.uk. Volunteers are allocated on a street by street basis and we need many more 'Aunties and Uncles' to ensure the most vulnerable members of our town are supported. If you are self-isolating and would like to help, we also need call handlers for support and befriending. We are able to transfer calls to your own phone so there is no risk of infection.

If you are in need of help you can register on <https://www.looetowncouncil.gov.uk/index.php> call 01503 804099, or email support@looetowncouncil.gov.uk. In the near future we will be offering online Zoom get togethers with local organisations including story time and crafts for children, keep fit sessions, cookery, etc. If you have any ideas for 'virtual' meetings please email the volunteer@looetowncouncil.gov.uk email and keep an eye on our website and social media pages to sign up for sessions.

Last week I held a productive collaboration meeting with key Looe organisations ensure we are all working together to give the best help and support to our community. Again, I am eternally grateful to see how everyone has pulled together for the good of the town. I have also been talking to Looe Primary Academy to see how we can help support our local children and parents.

I would also like to thank our local businesses, so many of whom are now offering free local deliveries. Our thoughts are with those businesses who are currently unable to trade and their employees. We will be including business updates on our website and will be developing a dedicated Looe Business group on LinkedIn to enable businesses to keep in touch with each other.

Moving forward we are refreshing our Facebook page and setting up Instagram and Twitter to ensure that the community are kept informed of developments. We will also be posting key information on the Looe Town Council notice boards and will continue to distribute leaflets whenever there is a significant change.

Our hearts and thoughts go out to each and every one of you during these very difficult times.
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Mayor of Looe