



AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

LATEST INFORMATION: April 2020

Aughton Parish Council ('APC') – CORONAVIRUS

APC has a substantial elderly community – we are very concerned for the health and welfare of everyone within the Parish following this terrible outbreak.

Please contact elderly and vulnerable neighbours in your street and check that they have shopping and are in good health whilst, of course, ensuring that your own health is not endangered.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough that residents should follow the Government and Public Health England advice, keeping themselves up to date with news as matters progress.

Please see the following links for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/your-health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/emergencies/coronavirus.aspx>

www.christchurchaughton.org.uk - (COVID-19 Update)

www.achurchnearyou.com - St Michael's Aughton (COVID-19-Latest)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2547816115497989/> - Ormskirk & Aughton Volunteering Group – a volunteering group trying to cater for people who need it most in the local area.

www.wlevs.org (supporting voluntary action, empowering local communities) – 07598 552949

www.westlancs.gov.uk - all services and information

www.lancashire.gov.uk - all services and information

Policing Issues:

www.lancashire.police.uk

Follow social media updates on apps such as Facebook 'Ormskirk and Burscough Police'

In an emergency call '999' otherwise ring '101' and you will be connected to Lancashire Police.

You can also call Crimestoppers **anonymously** – 0800 555 111

BEWARE OF SCAMS

With the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, criminals are playing on people's confusion to try new scams. Many claim to offer services and products relating to COVID-19, to trick innocent customers into parting with personal information and their money. So here are some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim.

Scams to look out for:

- **Purchase Scams** offer protective equipment, sanitizing products and other desirable goods for sale, that you will never receive. Be careful paying for anything via bank transfer and only buy goods from reputable companies that you know and trust.

- **Smishing** is sending text messages that appear to come from a trustworthy source like the UK Government or even your own doctor which try to steal personal or financial information. If you doubt the text's authenticity, do not click links. Visit www.gov.uk to check any information given. Verify an organisation's phone number from their website or from old printed correspondence.
- **Phishing** is sending e-mails which try to make you divulge sensitive personal or financial information. They may appear to be COVID-19 tax refunds, reimbursements from travel bookings, safety advice via e-mail and even donation requests. Fraudsters will try to make you click on links that are not safe. So, think before you click. If in doubt, then do not click. And do not open any attachments from senders that you do not know. If you are still worried, talk to family, friends or someone else you trust.
- **Vishing** is unsolicited phone calls. Always be suspicious of 'cold-callers'. Do not be afraid to challenge them or hang up if you cannot verify the caller. Banks, police etc will never ask for security information, so never give out personal details. If you are concerned, call the organization back on the number listed on their website, ideally on a difference phone as criminals can sometimes keep the line open. Or if it is your bank, use the number on the back of your card.

We are monitoring developments and, if we have more information, we will provide more details.

We have compiled a list of the local suppliers who are willing to conduct door to door deliveries ranging from the essentials to restaurants and cafes providing hot and cold meals. Please note that some businesses may charge for delivery.

Sydney Huyton & Son, Town Green Lane – 01695 423308

Aughton Food Stores, 28 Moss Delph Lane – 01695 424279

Grimshaw Lane Dairies – 01695 577573

Barn Owl Produce Ltd – 07557796867

Scotts the Butchers – 01695 572104

West Lancs Butchers, Spa Lane, Lathom – 01695 732666

The Stanley Arms (offering a delivery/take-away service) whilst they remain open – 01695 423241

AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL would like to thank the whole community for their brilliant work during these difficult times including the fantastic NHS workers, carers in both the care home sector and those providing care on an individual basis, local government workers, local shops who are providing us with food and making deliveries to the vulnerable and those self-isolating, and also to other members of the public who are following the social distancing and self-isolation rules at home and in the workplace where this is essential to keeping the economy going.

THANK YOU.