

Upper Denton & Waterhead Parish Councils Information Circular 1

UD&WPC Statement – Wednesday 15th April 2020

With the lockdown period set to continue until at least the end of this month, the Parish Councils considered it was of major importance to ensure everyone in our community had access to the latest information. We are aware that not everyone can get this news via email and online. We have therefore produced this printed paper copy, to be posted and/or hand-delivered, so that as many residents as possible have the contact details they might need to seek support, ask for advice, and to arrange shopping and deliveries. We will also aim to produce another of these circulars within the next fortnight.

In this issue you will see details of the local COVID-19 Community Group, the contact information webpages and telephone numbers for Cumbria County Council and for Northumberland County Council, and the Parish Councils website details, information for the Gilsland Village Hall page on Facebook, Gilsland on Hadrian's Wall website, and finally a note asking whether you would prefer to receive the next UD&WPC Circular by email. Please let us know what you think, tell us if email copies are OK for you, and please suggest any items you think we can include in future Circulars. We hope we can all get through this together safely and as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will look after each other, and we will help others wherever and however we can. Our thanks to everyone involved.

Sent by the Councillors of Upper Denton and Waterhead Parishes.

Along with this information circular, you will also have a List of Traders & Services in both Cumbria & Northumberland. This information has been drawn from various online sources. It is correct at the time we went to print, but always check direct with the traders. Please be patient – some of these local traders are working flat out, covering lots of miles to provide a lot of communities like us with vital supplies & services, often delivering to the door.

Gilsland & Longbyre Covid-19 Community Group

Within the community, friends and neighbours are supporting each other but we want to make sure that nobody finds themselves stuck. Gilsland & Longbyre Covid-19 Community Group has been set up with this in mind. This is for people living in Gilsland and Longbyre only, as small and local works best. Please don't be too shy or proud, and there is no adult age limit to who they will help.

Some of the things the group may be able to help with:

- Collecting urgent supplies or prescriptions
- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call
- Information about services and businesses currently working within the local community

We cannot provide medical advice, or social care services. Contact the NHS or your local council about these issues. Please note, we are local volunteers, so there are limits to what we can offer but we will try to help if we can.

If you need support:

- You can call Jayne for Gilsland village – 016977 47995 / 07852 131962
- You can call Janet for Upper Denton & Waterhead areas – 016977 47439
- You can email thirlwallcommunity@outlook.com and a group member will get back to you.
- You can also check for updates & message the Gilsland Village Hall Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GilslandVillageHall/>

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County Councils and Parish Councils Contact Information

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CUMBRIA</u></p> <p>COVID-19 Emergency Support Line Call: 0800 783 1966 Email: COVID19support@cumbria.gov.uk <i>Only for people at high risk of becoming seriously ill as a result of COVID-19 and who do not have support available from friend, family or neighbours.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NORTHUMBERLAND</u></p> <p>Northumberland CC's COVID-19 information page: www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus <i>This webpage provides the latest news and advice, and useful links for further information.</i></p>
<p>Upper Denton & Waterhead Parish Councils Website: https://upperdentonpc.org.uk/</p>	<p>Thirlwall Parish Council Website: https://visitgilsland.org.uk/index.php/thirlwall-home.html</p>

GILSLAND VILLAGE HALL

The hall is closed until further notice except for:

Out Reach Post Office Service

This will now only be open on **Thursdays 9.30 - 12.30**. Please follow rules for distancing as there is now a one-way system in operation through the front door and exit via the back door. No one is to loiter in the hall during this time. Creating a one-way system like this is the best possible method to mitigate the risks of virus transference in the village hall amongst the community. Please keep supporting this vital service.

Gilsland Village Hall Facebook page is now also being used as a platform for local updates and information sharing, so please have a look and if you know of a service or provide one not listed, please message us. All email queries send to gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com

There is a box of free books outside the village hall if you are out for your once a day exercise please help yourselves!

GILSLAND ON HADRIAN'S WALL WEBSITE

<https://visitgilsland.org.uk/>

There is now a **Community News Page** set up on the website which we hope will be another useful way to share news, advice and information during the current COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Future Circulation & Distribution

We want to email out this newsletter to as many people as possible. This will help keep costs down and safely limit the distance our delivery volunteers have to travel. Therefore if you can provide us with an email address to use, please let us know at gilslandhallcommittee@gmail.com