

Broadland Labour Party Covid-19 Community Help

Broadland Labour party wants to help support the local community. We know that many residents in Broadland will be feeling worried and anxious about the Coronavirus pandemic and concerned about where they will get help if they need it.

There are a number of community good neighbour schemes across the constituency see <http://www.communityactionnorfolk.org.uk/sites/content/active-good-neighbour-schemes>. There is also a Mutual Aid Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/813227462494867/>

You can search for other local support groups in your parish magazines, via Facebook community noticeboards or via the Norfolk Community Directory which can be found at <https://communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk/>.

So that we can contribute to the collective effort to protect public health we would also like to offer our support to members across Broadland, particularly those who are vulnerable with existing health conditions or disabilities and those have been told to self-isolate.

x If you need help picking up food, toiletries, baby items, prescriptions, or any other essentials then we can collect them for you x If you live on your own, are caring for someone or feeling isolated, we can call you for a chat.

We are setting up a process whereby Broadland Labour Party members will be available in various locations across the constituency willing to help and support our community. If you are willing and able to be a part of that and support other members please contact me or the chair.

If you need some help or just someone to talk to call me on 078960 414243 or email me at sec@bclp.uk. Or call the constituency Chair, Brenda Jones, on 0783 346 7301/ CLPChair@BCLP.uk. With your permission, we will forward your details on to a volunteer who lives closest to you.

Also note that food banks will struggle due to the amount of stockpiling we are seeing, if you are able to make donations, especially of items such as pasta, long life milk, tinned goods etc, we can collect items from you to take to a local food bank. You can find your local food bank at <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

If you identify as disabled, are a carer or parent carer, you can contact our Disability Officer on 0759 564 2664 / DisabilityOfficer@bclp.uk for advice about other specialised groups who may be able to help you. Learning Disability England has produced a pack of resources, a link to which we can send you.

I will publish links and what other useful information I can on our website at <https://www.broadlandlabour.org.uk/category/covid-19/>. We have some active Facebook pages for members with useful information about the local party and our activities. There are also branch Facebook pages. They will be important channels of communication in the absence of any of us meeting up or if we are isolated.

x Broadland CLP Members Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/683274835146747/> x Broadland CLP Disability Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1136295883368096/> x Bure

Valley Labour <https://www.facebook.com/groups/697059777142988/> x Wensum Valley Labour <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1764713697098250/>

There is information on our website about branches
<https://www.broadlandlabour.org.uk/branches/>

There is plenty of information about how each of us individually can try to protect ourselves, our families and others from the virus. Unfortunately, the internet being as it is, much of the information is false and misleading, some even harmful. To stay aware of the latest advice on the COVID-19 outbreak use reliable sources:

x The World Health Organisation (WHO) website <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-forpublic> and x The NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

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In addition, the WHO have provided a list of myth-busters at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/mythbusters>.

Keep Safe.

In Solidarity

Philip

PS: Information about safeguarding vulnerable people is available on our website along with contact details for both the local and the national party if you have any questions or concerns.
<https://www.broadlandlabour.org.uk/news/2019/07/09/safeguarding/>

Also beware. It is possible that unscrupulous people may try to take advantage of the situation to defraud people. Beware of someone calling unannounced and offering to help. Always ask for identification and if they say that they are from Broadland Labour Party do call me (07860 414243) to check if you are at all concerned.