

# The Avening Community Coronavirus Team



Dear Resident,

The Avening Community Coronavirus Team (ACCT) has been set up by the Parish Council and includes representatives from the village's community groups. Its aim is to support residents during this difficult time. Our priorities over the next few days are:

## **1. To help set up effective neighbour networks across the village**

The best way to support each other is to form small networks of neighbours (ie 10-20 households), who keep in touch in the most appropriate way. These 'neighbour networks' are best placed to share information, shop, collect medicines and walk dogs where needed. We are keen to know if anyone has already, or is planning to, set up a network with their neighbours and if they could nominate a contact point for the Council and ACCT. We will then identify gaps and hope that the whole village can be covered by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Contact:** *parishclerk@avening-pc.gov.uk* if your group is up and running, with details of your contact point, so we can make sure everyone is covered.

**Contact:** Clare Bebbington ([ccbebbbs@gmail.com](mailto:ccbebbbs@gmail.com)) if you want help setting up a group.

## **2. Provide extra support for the most vulnerable**

Some people may need extra help. If you are vulnerable or isolated, please get in touch with Gerald South, Parish Priest for Avening who is coordinating such support. We already have a small number of volunteers who are offering to 'top up' the neighbour networks, and Gerald will also keep a list of these 'top-up' volunteers.

**Contact:** Gerald South on [gp.south@btopenworld.com](mailto:gp.south@btopenworld.com)

## **3. Communicate with you as best we can**

This leaflet is just a start. The Avening Facebook page will be our main way of getting information to you quickly - please share our posts online and in hard copy with neighbours who may not have access to a computer. We will also be updating the village website ([www.avening-pc.gov.uk](http://www.avening-pc.gov.uk)) and sending out leaflets at least fortnightly – more often if needed.

**Contact:** Clare Bebbington ([ccbebbbs@gmail.com](mailto:ccbebbbs@gmail.com)) or The Villager ([editors@acvillager.co.uk](mailto:editors@acvillager.co.uk)) if you have information to share

This is a wonderful community and I am sure that we will come through this stronger than ever! ACCT will meet again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Best wishes and stay safe,

**Tony Slater**, Avening Parish Council on behalf of ACCT