

## Dear Village Neighbour

I am hoping to work with you all to establish a network of local volunteers who will be willing to support others in the event of a Coronavirus outbreak locally. As a Nurse Specialist (Frailty & Older People) working in the local community, I am only too aware of the impact of Coronavirus on communities and would encourage as many people as possible to volunteer. I do appreciate that not everyone will have the time and resources to commit to this and will be genuinely worried about their own situation. This will hopefully help and reassure you that we are working together to offer support.

You may have seen already the form that has been circulated on social media sites (see below) encouraging people to complete if THEY are willing to volunteer and I have included this below. *I would like to propose we take this a step further and draw up a list/database of all volunteers locally so that if we do experience an outbreak in local villages, we have a group of volunteers ready to support those in need. This list could then be accessed by the local services such as the village shops and GP practices as appropriate.*

I appreciate not everyone will want their details shared in this way but even a small response could make such a difference if we experience Coronavirus cases locally.

**I am happy to co-ordinate and create a list** and can be contacted on:

Email: [Chatburn8@icloud.com](mailto:Chatburn8@icloud.com)

Tel: 01580 831775

Mob: 07928 113484

I trust everyone to use these contact details appropriately.

**HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.**

**My name is** .....

**I live locally at** .....

**My phone number is** .....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. **#ViralKindness**

I look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions re this. I will also contact David Young, Chairman of Ewhurst Parish Council to see how we can further develop our 'community preparedness' plan. Research shows nearly a fifth of us in the UK have no-one in our neighbourhoods outside the immediate family we could call on if we needed help or support. With the rapid spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) increasingly likely, this is a real risk and combined with the need to self-isolate this gap in our community connections needs to be closed.

Thank you in advance for your support, it is very much appreciated and ***if you would like to support with the above, please let me know.*** Your help and support would be gratefully appreciated.