

Welcome to Genie's 'Public Information' newsletter

In this special issue: Latest information on coronavirus support from parish councils, NHS and government, how to help each other, the medical practice and pharmacy, warnings from the Police, where to buy food and essentials locally and get home deliveries – and much more.



All content here is in line with government and NHS guidelines and communicates the joint messages of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke Parish Councils who have approved this newsletter.

This special Public Information newsletter is the first of a weekly series of local and national coronavirus information. Each update will be numbered and new or updated information will be **highlighted in yellow**, to make it easy to spot in subsequent issues.

All Information is set out under 3 headings:



Support – Help and local community services available for you



Reference – Links to official government, NHS and other websites



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Introduction

This section explains how the three parish councils of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke are working together to deliver an organised and coordinated response to the coronavirus pandemic. It describes how the provision of local support is organised and the large community volunteer forces which have been mobilised to deliver practical house to house help in every street in the three villages.

How the community support system is structured in the three villages

Like all communities at parish level throughout the UK, the government has instituted a national, top-down structure for coordinating the coronavirus response through the tiers of local government to parish level. The old county boundary between Oxfordshire and Berkshire, running down the river between Goring and Streatley, has created some slight differences in to exactly how parish council support is provided.

The level and type of support itself is almost identical on both sides of the river, but the way it is administered and how it is accessed vary slightly due the different local government systems. As we know, Oxfordshire operates a two-tier County and District local authority system, then the various Parish Councils below. West Berkshire Council, on the other hand, is a unitary authority with no upper County tier.

There are several main categories of higher risk people recognised nationally in this crisis, eg the elderly and vulnerable people, pregnant women and those identified by the NHS as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' (shielded) people.

As a result, with different levels of need, points of contact are different, even within the same parish.

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This reference section contains links only to trusted sources of coronavirus information – UK Government (inc Public Health England), NHS, World Health Organisation and BBC websites.

You can find virtually anything you may want to know about the help and support available, including data about the current incidence of COVID-19 within the regions of the UK, along with a WHO world map and statistics (constantly updated each time you visit the website) and the science and research being conducted to bring this pandemic to an end.

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES:

- [Coronavirus - what you need to do](#)
- [Guidance for protecting extremely vulnerable people](#)
- [Support for clinically extremely vulnerable people](#)

NATIONAL HEALTH WEBSITES:

- [Advice for everyone](#)
- [UK Map \(By NHS and Local Authority Regions\)](#)

WHO WEBSITES:

- [W.H.O. World Map \(By Country\)](#)
- [ROLLING UPDATES](#)
- [FACE MASKS - THE EVIDENCE](#)

BBC WEBSITES:

- [Tracking the global pandemic](#)
- [Incidence of confirmed cases using Postcode](#)
- [BBC - 'Explainers' of Covid-19](#)
- [Coronavirus symptoms: What are they and how do I protect myself?](#)
- [BBC - Health](#)
- [BBC - TV NEWS LIVE](#)
- [KEEP FIT in self isolation](#)
- [Time-lapse of building a 4,000 bed hospital in 9 days](#)
- [How the Nightingale Hospital was built](#)



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This section is an eclectic collection of items sent to Genie for those who may want some light relief at the moment.

Because of the length of this newsletter, we have only included two, but in subsequent editions we hope to feature more. We hope they will help to keep your spirits up! [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

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