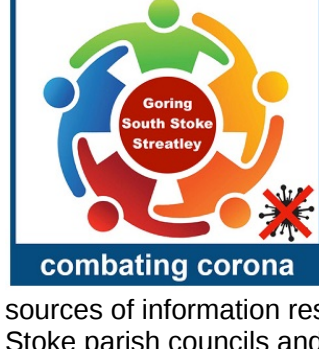


Welcome to Genie's 'Public Information' newsletter

In this **newly updated third special coronavirus information issue**: The **Local Information** section includes updated council and other details about the coronavirus support packages for residents of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke. The **National Information** section is a comprehensive reference library of trusted links within the 4 main national websites – GOV.UK, NHS, WHO and the BBC.



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.

All information is set out in 2 sections – **Local Information** and **National Information**.

Just scroll down to access them. Each section has multiple links.

The **Local** section has links to the most important and changing sources of information residents may need, including pages for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke parish councils and the Facebook page of the Combat Corona Volunteers Group.

Do click on all the other links as well to find out what's there for you.

Please forward this newsletter to people in case they have not yet signed up to receive this free service. People can subscribe in one of 2 ways:

- 1) Go to the [Genie website](#), and click on the **subscribe** button
- 2) Email subscribe@genienews.org requesting to be added to the mailing list and stating your 'Village of residence'.

Local INFORMATION

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 both sides of the river, but the way it is administered and how it's accessed varies 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.

CLICK on the name under the logo of your council for the specific help available in your village



[GORING](#)



[STREATLEY](#)



[SOUTH STOKE](#)

Please Note:

1. Please see the **new Pharmacy prescription procedure** under '[Medical and other essential information](#)'.
2. The Q1F hub telephone helpline has changed its name and is now known as '**The Goring & Streatley Villages Helpline**'. Same telephone number (01491 525639) and same service.
3. **The Goring Gap News** – Delivery dates and deadline:
The April edition will be delivered by Royal Mail between 4 and 8 May.
The May edition will be delivered between 25 and 29 May.
(Both will be thinner than normal with 28 pages.)

The **deadline for the May edition is Wednesday 29 April**, so before the April edition is delivered.
Please send editorial material to: goringgapnews@gmail.com

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[Combat Corona Volunteers \(Goring, Streatley and surrounding areas\) facebook page](#)

NB: For anyone not on Facebook who would like to see the information posted on the Combat Corona Volunteers page, Patricia Williams produces a daily selection of the posts and emails them out. If you would like to receive them, please email Patricia on outloudpw@gmail.com



Food and delivery services [CLICK HERE](#)



Medical and other essential information [CLICK HERE](#)



Churches, support and online worship [CLICK HERE](#)



Local GP Information

[Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice - Covid-19 Support Room](#)

[Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice - More Covid-19 Information](#)



Local Hospitals Information

[Royal Berkshire Hospital - Visiting](#)

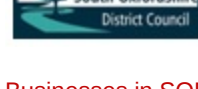
[Oxford University Hospitals - Visiting](#)

[Oxford University Hospitals - Out Patient appointments](#)



[Police video appeal regarding coronavirus lockdown breaches](#)

To read about police warnings of misinformation and fraud [CLICK HERE](#)



[Businesses in SODC area urged to submit covid-19 grant requests](#)

[Business Support information from SODC](#)



Priority Services for Scottish & Southern Vulnerable Customers

Please see:

Information about the Priority Services Register [HERE](#)

Leaflet and registration Form [HERE](#)

About the **accuracy** and **trustworthiness** of information in this and all other Genie newsletters -

[CLICK HERE](#)

National INFORMATION



Introduction

This reference section contains links of only trusted national sources of coronavirus information. Within these links you can find virtually anything you may want to know about the help and support available, data about the current incidence COVID-19 within the UK and worldwide, along with the research being conducted to bring this pandemic to an end.

GOVERNMENT WEBSITES

[Coronavirus – what you need to do](#)

[Hygiene guidance for consumers when food shopping](#)

[Guidance for protecting extremely vulnerable people](#)

[Support for clinically extremely vulnerable people](#)

[Guidance for supporting vulnerable children](#)

[Information for parents and carers about schools](#)

[Working safely in Care Homes](#)

[What you can do if you're struggling with coronavirus](#)

[Furlough scheme extended to end of June](#)

[Support for victims of domestic abuse](#)

[Safe management of funerals](#)

[Letter to everyone working in the retail sector](#)

[Information for the Bereaved: Coronavirus \(COVID 19\)](#)

NATIONAL HEALTH WEBSITES

[Advice for everyone](#)

[Fitness exercise videos](#)

[Home Cardio & other Workout videos](#)

[Mental wellbeing while staying at home](#)

[Expert advice about looking after your mental health](#)

[Pregnancy and Coronavirus](#)

W.H.O. WEBSITES

[Coronavirus – Public and Technical guidance](#)

[W.H.O. World Map \(by Country\)](#)

[Rolling Updates](#)

[Face Masks – The Evidence](#)

BBC WEBSITES

[Tracking the global pandemic](#)

[Incidence of confirmed local cases using Postcode](#)

[BBC – 'Explainers' of Covid-19](#)

[Symptoms: What are they and how do I protect myself?](#)

[BBC – Health](#)

[Time-lapse of building a 4,000 bed hospital in 9 days](#)

[How the Nightingale Hospital was built](#)

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