

## **Fangfoss, Spittal and Bolton Coronavirus Support Newsletter 11th June**

**Contact details** requests for help, Pamela Broughton 01759 368125 or 07785 536679

Dear Neighbours,

As things begin to open up from lockdown and we start to adjust to “new normal” the need for regular newsletters has diminished. This will therefore be the last letter for the foreseeable future – we will only write again if something exceptional happens.

### **Volunteers**

Our volunteers will still be available to help – we know that there are many people still self-isolating for a range of reasons until they are sure it is safe to be out and about. Do not hesitate to call for help of any sort.

### **Cold calling**

As many will be aware a couple of weeks ago we had a disturbing incident of cold calling where there were reports of aggressive behaviour. People were rightly concerned about this occurring during lockdown, the manner of the men and the fact that the village is a designated no cold-calling area. The matter was reported to the Police and to Trading Standards for investigation. You do not need to accept anyone attempting to sell on your doorstep – tell them this is a no cold-calling area and ask them to leave the village. If you have any information about the company they purport to work for and/or a description of the person(s) please report them to Trading Standards on 01482 396301 or the Police on 101

### **Cycling**

Our final two bikes are available – two children’s bikes. A pink one (left below) is an ideal first bike suitable for ages 4 to 7. A blue one (right) has got 21 gears and front suspension and would suit ages 7 to 12.



### **Social Record of Lockdown**

Unfortunately, your VE Day stories were few and far between but we will upload those we have to the village website shortly. However, we would like to join the growing movement to record the impact of Covid19. Tell us your personal experience – what have been the ups and downs? What has it felt like to be isolated? A typical week? What was social distancing/shielding like? Home schooling, working from home, not working, different ways of shopping, clapping for carers – what has your experience been? This project is not just for adults, it would be great to hear from children too – what are their impressions and memories? Please send in your experiences – email, phone or letter. We look forward to collecting your stories and/or photographs and drawings.

### **Costcutter**

The recent poor weather has considerably reduced footfall in the shop. We do not know how long Costcutter will keep the shop here but your custom will help to keep it as long as possible.

## **Parish News**

The latest edition of the Parish News has been delivered with this letter

## **Sunflowers**

We have had reports that many sunflowers are growing well – we look forward to a good display in August/September.

## **Thanks**

As we come to the end of this phase of living with coronavirus and we look positively towards the future we should like to formally thank a few people – with apologies to anyone we have missed.

Two couples deserve special mention. James & Becca the new owners at the Rocking Horse Shop for generously providing the paper and printing all the newsletters and Sally & John Murray at The Carpenters Arms for all their support and the great job they have done keeping us fed and watered. Look out for details of their re-opening (when allowed), hopefully next month.

Thanks also to

Jane Cook, Jayne Cant and John Greenwood for suggesting we “do something” to support people during lockdown and Martin Eede for help in setting up the support group.

Jane & Amelia Cook, Malcolm Skelton, Richard & Allison Alport, Nicky Fletcher and Bob Broughton for delivering newsletters

Ian Aitchison for maintaining and renovating bicycles and all those who donated bicycles

Jane Allen for maintaining the village website

Susan Wilson for suggesting the plant exchange, Sally Murray for the book exchange and whoever suggested jigsaws (sorry that piece of paper has gone missing!)

Steve & Sue Sherwood for suggesting the Christmas lights

Charlotte Genever for suggesting and providing sunflowers – thank you to all who planted!

Lyn & Gerry Grant for the pottery animal hunt in the Park and VE Day singing on the Green

Costcutter for bringing their pop-up shop to the village

Angela Barber for suggesting we join the VE Day celebrations

And last but by no means least all those volunteers who have been ready and willing and are still available to help others.

What a wonderful village we live in! The support and generosity of everyone is much appreciated. Thank you one and all. Keep safe!

**Village website:** [www.fangfoss.net](http://www.fangfoss.net)

Supported by

Fangfoss with Bolton Parish Council and St Martin’s Church, Fangfoss

Contact details for volunteers or requests for help

Pamela Broughton

01759 368125 or 07785 536679

[randpbroughton@btinternet.com](mailto:randpbroughton@btinternet.com)