

## Report of the Parish response to the Covid 19.

It had become obvious at the beginning of March that with the spread of Covid 19 that a 'stay at home' direction would come from the Government.

The chair of Hyde Parish council (Ann Sevier) initiated conversations with the parish clerk and the churches (through Heather Clark) and the neighbourhood watch (Dai Morgan) over the weekend of 14th/15th March. It was established that a response was required immediately, and work began on what was initially called a "buddy" system.

Hyde Parish Council has an emergency plan and this was initiated by the clerk and she made contact with the volunteers but ran into difficulties as the majority of the volunteers were of the age group that needed to self-isolate.

The Neighbourhood Watch had put out a call for volunteers and received many offers of support: Penny Skypala and Fizz Thompson agreed to co-ordinate the parish response.

The initial action was to identify the households in the village, to allocate volunteers to areas within the parish and then to note those potentially vulnerable or self-isolating and in need of support.

The response was named Hyde Parish Support Network.

The Neighbourhood Watch email was used to distribute the contact details of the co-ordinators, and flyers were delivered to those houses identified as not being listed on the Neighbourhood Watch database.

On Thursday 26th March the Government passed down to local district/unitary/city councils the responsibility of the vulnerable/self-isolating and this was passed further down in the NFDC area to the Parish and Town Councils. Hyde Parish Council was one of many organisations that responded that plans were in hand in their area. On Friday 27th there was a meeting took place (respecting the required distances) to run through the data base and to review all the information collected to date.

Requests for help from residents were being received, volunteers allocated and a single collection point for prescriptions identified. By the week-ending 3rd April the organisation of the Hyde Parish Support Network was working well.

There will be future meetings to respond to the needs of the residents and direction from Government.