

Coronavirus Update – Halewood Town Council

This communication seeks to outline the current position of Halewood Town Council in respect of the spread of the Coronavirus.

With effect from Friday March 20th, all current events and activities facilitated at The Arncliffe Centre and Hollies Hall will cease. A number of activities and functions were already cancelled by user groups themselves as fears of the Coronavirus have grown. No groups will be charged for cancellations and rearranged bookings will be offered for available dates in the future.

Until such time as government instigate a full 'lockdown' of public facilities, Halewood Town Council will be available to support the needs of Halewood residents. To facilitate this support, we will be consolidating the times we're open, whilst ensuring we keep our staff safe. The key points below summarise the plan agreed between Staff and Councillors.

- From Monday March 23rd, The Arncliffe Centre will be open to the public from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each day.
- Hollies Hall will be closed from Friday March 20th. This is to enable Town Council staff to consolidate its efforts at one site and to ensure we are more able to maintain a presence at The Arncliffe Centre i.e. if some of our staff members become ill or are forced to self-isolate.
- At The Arncliffe Centre we will have two members of staff onsite. However, the staff members will be applying 'Social Distancing' and not come into contact with each other.
- At The Arncliffe Centre we aim to serve any community members requesting support and community groups seeking to support our more vulnerable residents. We will issue dog bags, can assist with basic signposting and advice, or answer your queries about Town Council business. If groups call in we will allow them access to our main room after which we will cleanse the space ready for its next use.
- Our staff will be keeping busy both onsite and when working from home with a number of tasks to ensure continuation of Town Council business.

We understand there is a responsibility on Halewood Town Council to continue serving the people of Halewood and our Staff/Councillors will be doing this positively and imaginatively until such time we're unable via government advice.

Finally, this is an unprecedented and anxious time for people everywhere, please try to keep yourself and your family safe. But, let us also look out for our friends and neighbours who may be living in isolation and for whom, during this crisis, will need good people to look out for them.

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