

Covid-19 2020

This has been a strange time for all of us with many challenges, sorrow for the loss of beloved residents and many examples of amazing community support. We should be proud of our community spirit during this crisis.

It has been wonderful to see how the community has risen to the challenge of the present situation. We would like to pay tribute to the huge number of people who have come forward to help us all.

Pauline Giles, Cornwall Councillor for St Blazey, has led the way making up boxes containing tinned foods to go to families in need, hand cream for carers and keeping in touch with her community.

Par Bay Big Local felt they could help by putting in some funding at grass roots level.

PAR BAY Big Local	DATE 30 th March 2020
PAY St Blazey Recycle, Reuse, Resale	
Five thousand pounds	£ 5,000.00
Par Bay Big Local	
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We have therefore transferred £5,000 of funding to St Blazey Recycle, Reuse and Resale to support this venture to purchase food on a weekly basis, make up food hampers and deliver to those in the local area. It will also assist with expenses for those in isolation who need to attend hospital visits, pay for fuel for deliveries and support the community in any way needed whilst we are in the grip of the crisis

A very efficient local network of Support Buddies has been set up by Kath Richardson covering every street in Par St Blazey and Tywardreath area with leaflets through every single door.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/265687181121788/>

A veritable army of volunteers has been collecting prescriptions, shopping, wood and other supplies for those in isolation. Other support has included vegan cooking for volunteers, chat buddies for those in need of a friendly voice, gardening help for the elderly, dog walking, disseminating information on shops doing deliveries and much, much more.



To overcome lockdown restrictions our wonderful local shops have been making deliveries of vegetables, meat and other foods, restaurants have been busy delivering meals and other businesses have delivered goods to our doorsteps. We must remember these when the crisis is over and support them in return.

Our thanks must also go to our doctors surgeries and chemists.

Crafters and Creatives

Our crafters have been busy with their sewing machines making scrubs and masks for carers and knitting mask elastic extensions while our young creatives have amazed us with their wonderful rainbow decorations and other delights for their windows and gardens to look out for during walks.

There are so many it is difficult to choose just a few for those who are not able to see them on facebook.



Clapping for carers



Who wouldn't be delighted to find these painted pebbles on their wanderings?





A big thank you to Jo and Harley who have been encouraging their neighbours to Rainbow Your Street up in Penarwyn
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2634149430207919/>



Another exciting project for children



Hurray, hurray you've found our book
Now open it up and take a look
Read me, then hide me and find another
A book is an adventure which never ends
So, go on a hunt and tell your friends

Don't forget to post a picture of where you found me and add to our facebook page
@ParBookClub



Community Garden



With no car boot sales and garden centres closed, the community garden team has been busy sowing seeds and potting up vegetable plants to take home and plant out. We have had plenty of donations to the swap and share shelf from our community gardeners. It has become a place to pause and check during the daily walk. Pots of runner beans, climbing french beans, dwarf french beans, butternut squash, tomatoes, courgettes and a variety of herbs have been snapped up. Thank you for the many donations from local gardeners.

“Grow boxes” with a variety of seeds for children (or adults) to grow with simple instructions have proved popular. They contain seeds - runner beans, climbing french beans, courgettes, sunflowers and nasturtiums along with an instruction sheet, labels, compost and bamboos. How about a competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower?



Our own broad beans planted in the autumn are in flower and runner beans, climbing French beans have been planted along with borlotti beans, courgettes, garlic, elephant garlic, peas, kohlrabi, beetroot and salsify.

Cornubia

We have missed seeing our regulars since we had to close the building but look forward to getting going again soon. In Cornubia window we have a noticeboard with a copy of the information on facebook for those in need. We have a list of local businesses offering to deliver and warnings about scams which have been proliferating since the outbreak.

The roof replacement should be starting soon after lockdown ends. This may well delay reopening. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

We have been invited to be a Community Response Hub looking for ways to support the community after lockdown is lifted so please get in touch if you would like to offer or want to attend upskilling courses or have any other ideas cornubiapar@gmail.com