

MARTYN HOLLAND

Notices to the community Nº 9

27th April 2020



I hope that the following information is of use and please feel free to share this with your neighbours and friends.

The North Wales Fire Service are asking that people be careful at this time. There has been an increase in house fires mainly involving cooking and there have been a number of moorland and forest fires across Wales.

The season for heather and grass burning finished on the 31st March and so if you see a fire please report it immediately.

Despite all the wet weather last year the ground is now tinder dry and with everyone staying at home sadly these fires are mainly being set deliberately. If you see any suspicious vehicles in our upland or forestry areas please let the police know.

There have been some wild stories doing the rounds about transmissions from 5G & 4G masts being involved in the spreading of Covid 19. Some individuals have taken it into their heads that these masts should therefore be destroyed. We have a number of these masts in our upland areas which in the main support our emergency services.

Again, if you see any strange activity around these masts please report it asap.

Chinese Sky Lanterns have been banned in Wales after some were used in support of the NHS.

I have always personally opposed the use of these lanterns because of the fire risk to our moors, forests and crops and also because the wire frames are dangerous to farm animals and can damage farm machinery. Please bin them if you have any.

The fire service has also been called out to a number of garden fires that have got out of control. At a time when our air quality has never been better, have a thought for your neighbours who are only able to enjoy their gardens at this time. Please resist the temptation to set fire to your garden waste and other rubbish.

As your County Councillor I did raise my concerns about the plans to cut garden waste collections which I believe was paradoxical when the Government had just told us all to stay at home and enjoy our gardens. Our gardens have never been tidier which has at the same time created a large amount of green waste!!

Sadly, we are also seeing an increase in fly tipping across the County. This sometimes involves green waste but there has also been an increase in the tipping of all other types of rubbish. Staying at home has meant that everyone is undertaking those long overdue spring cleans.

Please keep your rubbish at home for the time being until the current restrictions on council recycling centres are lifted. If you intend to ask someone to take it away for you please ensure that the guys offering to remove your rubbish have a Waste Carriers Licence.

If your rubbish ends up being fly tipped not only will the carrier be prosecuted but if the council can identify that it is your waste you will also be prosecuted.

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Please help us to protect this beautiful part of the world by reporting anyone you see fly tipping. Registration numbers please.

Denbighshire County Council are involved in delivering many of the Welsh Governments financial support packages for businesses and many staff have been moved into other roles to help in key areas such as care for the vulnerable and the delivery of food parcels for those on the NHS Shielded lists.

County Hall is closed and many staff are now working from home. If you need to contact County Hall you can still do so and the Customer Service staff will put you through to the relevant staff member where ever they are.

Some local midwifery services have been moved from certain hospitals and if you are expecting a child within the next few months you will be contacted to tell you where you will need to go for the happy event.

You will have read that there are three new field hospitals planned for North Wales and the hospital at the Deeside Leisure Centre should have opened this week. The Army are also helping DCC and the NHS to deliver PPE.

The Graig Quarry near Graianrhyd has reopened to provide rock for the new sea defences at Rhyl. The quarry will work six days a week and loads of stone will be transported daily along the B5430 and then on to the A494 via Ruthin to Rhyl.

Every resident over Seventy in Denbighshire will be contacted by DCC staff over the next few weeks just to make sure they are OK. This will involve eight thousand calls across the County.

Now that you have dug the garden you may be looking for something to put in it. Many of the large Garden Centres are offering deliveries and some are offering a pick-up service. Do not forget that one of the businesses that can remain open during the general shut down are the good old ironmongers. Last week I called at Kings Ironmongers in Well Street Ruthin and picked up onion sets, seed potatoes and a variety of seeds which are now all planted.

It is also a good time to be filling your oil tank and with oil prices at around 17.5p a litre it may be worth paying a little extra to just top up your tank. Normally the minimum order is about 500 litres. Check with your supplier.

When times are difficult there are always people who will offer loans to help you through. There has been an increase in reports of loan sharks in the County. Please do not take out these types of loans because they can cost you far more than you think. If you are approached by someone other than a bank or credit union please contact the "Wales Illegal Money Lending Unit" on telephone number 0300 123 3311.

For a list of other organisations that offer all types of help and assistance please visit the DCC website.

Keep well.
Regards,
Martyn