

## **Parish Magazine - July 2020 Issue**

### **Stay alert, control the virus and save lives**

Shere Parish Council contacted Surrey County Council (SCC) for help with managing social distancing in Shere as the lock down eases and the businesses are able to reopen. The overall desire was to create a safe space, large enough for pedestrians to pass one another. To do this, SCC with the parish council's support has installed some temporary barriers in Shere, from the disabled parking space to the bridge and in part of The Square. These will prevent parking along Middle street and create a safer wider pavement for pedestrians. This may not solve the problem of social distancing but together with the recent banners purchased and fixed in all four village centres, it is hoped people will get the message, to give others space. The barriers will be reviewed regularly and adjustments will be made if necessary. Our apologies and thanks go to all the residents and businesses to whom the barriers may be an inconvenience; please contact the parish council for details of the alternative arrangements for parking the council has arranged for you – [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk).

Easing of the lockdown has brought increased numbers of visitors and rubbish. Guildford Borough Council has agreed to an additional collection each week.

The council is not re-opening the toilets in Shere at present due to concerns over cleaning and social distancing. We are however, researching self-cleaning cubicles as this may be the right time to consider upgrading the facilities.

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation of food to the council for those in need at the beginning of the lockdown. It is a pleasure to report that this food has now been taken to a local food bank, who thanked the community for being so generous. Any further donations should be made directly to the food banks.

**The Parish Council serves the local community** - If you have a project or think you have an idea to support or enhance the community please get in touch. The Parish Council is able to apply for Grant Aid from Guildford Borough Council, to help pay for suitable projects, so please don't hesitate if you have a suggestion. Email [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) or talk to your ward councillor. Find their details on our website or the notice boards in the villages.

**Next Council meeting** – 7pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 held remotely using Zoom – please email [clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@shereparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you would like to join to observe or speak about an item on the agenda.