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The Hughenden Street Association vision:

For community life in Hughenden Parish to become better connected, supportive/supported, stronger and friendlier so that all residents are involved in it to the level they desire. This means working to create safer and connected communities encouraging residents to identify the needs of their neighbours to help them engage in the community. The Association has a key role to play in helping develop links to existing facilities whilst also working to support community groups to reach out to as many residents as possible.

So much has been achieved by the Street Association with more still to do together. Take a look: <http://bit.ly/2Skst40>

COVID19 Survey

The Community Boards being set up by Buckinghamshire Council are keen to learn about residents' experiences during the pandemic. See also 'What's Going On?' below. A brief survey was created by Hughenden Street Association and circulated via its network of contacts and Association members. With a very short deadline, 49 responses were received. Here are the key findings from the survey:

Respondents:

Great Kingshill – 4

Hughenden Valley & Bryants Bottom – 35

Naphill & Walters Ash – 5

Widmer End – 5

A little over 60% stated that they were simply following Government advice with only 4 shielding having received an official letter, 9 voluntary self-isolating due to age and 6 because of an underlying health condition.

Interestingly no one under the age of 25 responded with the majority coming from residents aged 65+: a total of 34 responses. Something the HSA would like to explore later is that 4 respondents confirmed that they had a disability. We know from 2011 Census data that the figure is higher.

Around a 1/3 (16) simply helped their neighbours as usual which is encouraging with a slightly lower number (29%, 14) taking advantage of receiving volunteer support. The fact that only 16% (8) were already part of a community group suggests that many people stepped up to help. The challenge is to ensure not only continued volunteering if it is needed but also to maintain the sense of a welcoming and active community. This is very much a theme of HSA



Spotlight on..... Community spirit

The Covid19 survey produced some great examples of community including :

'I was self-isolating as much as possible but contacted about 100 local people via email on a regular basis, updating them with all the Covid information, Bucks CC messages, Street Association and HVRA messages and any other useful information I could find. Many people thanked me and said it was beneficial'.

What an absolute Community Hero!

The results of the survey will be uploaded to the HSA Facebook page and used together with the 'What next' survey focussing on shielders/self-isolators to help us map out future priorities working in partnership with local groups including residents' associations, village halls and other local community groups.

Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch will be running a virtual AGM this year. To find out more about this important voluntary organisation click on the link and sign up for the newsletter – always full of helpful information - <https://bit.ly/2D1pWZ8>

What next for HSA? Have YOUR say

If you were advised to shield or decided to self-isolate we would like you to help us plan the future priorities of Hughenden Street Association. Here is the link : <https://bit.ly/3e3ReeB>

The survey will be open until midnight on Friday 14th August 2020.

Any queries please contact the Editor – see below for contact details.

Please only complete the survey ONCE – the surgery are supporting this initiative which is fantastic!

What's Going On? Scarecrows are appearing around the parish!

The success of the Widmer End Scarecrow competition – now to be an annual event! – has really caught imaginations. Led by Ward Leader, Anne Smart, the Association is organising a week-long competition across Hughenden Valley. Naphill and Walters Ash residents including HSA Ward Leader, Gloria Leflaive and Association member, Susan Bickerstaffe and RAF representatives are working hard to create an alternative to Napfest. Watch this space next week for more information.

Also: St Michael's and All Angels church in Hughenden is cautiously reopening its doors. Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2CFCS7o>

Little books of scams - download below

Three very useful scamming guides have been produced by the Metropolitan Police:

General guide to scams: <https://bit.ly/3eOGffe>

Phone scams: <https://bit.ly/2OJPCFE>

Cyber scams: <https://bit.ly/30EvXDA>



Contact the Editor – feedback/suggestions most welcome!

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Looking forward to hearing from you. *Hilda Stearn*