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Dear Residents,

As a result of the Covid-19 Virus we are all experiencing unprecedented and worrying times. The effects and repercussions are already being experienced by individuals, families and business across the Loton Division and in the face of a national crisis it looks like this will most certainly escalate in the coming weeks and potentially months. Below I have updated some information and provided some more useful contacts following my initial letter earlier this week.

It is very important that all residents follow the official advice which is changing daily , this can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Information on maintaining your wellbeing during the crisis  
<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>

Shropshire council also have also an information page which can be found at  
<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

Up to Date information is received by Shropshire Council from Central Government and publishes it accordingly. I would suggest that you sign up (if you are not signed up already) to the updates from the council's newsroom, <https://shropshire.gov.uk/> The Subscribe button is in the top right corner.

Information has emerged this week around the support for businesses effected by the corona virus outbreak <https://shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-businesses>

HMRC have a dedicated helpline relating to tax and payments

Each of our Four parishes have taken various steps to coordinate a community repose since I originally wrote this letter on Monday. Much of this is being organised by members of the community in conjunction with the parish council.

**Alberbury and Cardeston Parish Area** - Useful local contacts can be found at [www.alberburywithcardeston.com](http://www.alberburywithcardeston.com) or through Next-door Westbury platform. Westbury Medical Practice

**Montford Parish Area-** Local community and neighbourhood groups and parish council coordinated watchers email group- Useful local contacts can be found at [www.montfordparish.co.uk](http://www.montfordparish.co.uk) Clerk- 01743850504

**Great and Little Ness Parish Area-** Nesscliffe and Wilcott Community Facebook pages and via parish council- Useful local contacts can be found at [www.greatandlittlenessparishcouncil.org](http://www.greatandlittlenessparishcouncil.org)

**Westbury Parish Area-** What's on in the Westbury area (Shropshire) Facebook Page- Next-door Westbury platform also operates - Parish Council- Useful local contacts can be found at [www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.westburyparishcouncil.co.uk) Westbury Medical Practice- local churches

Many people have come forward to offer assistance in a number of ways if anyone would like more advice or if you think I can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me even if it is just for a chat. The situation is changing daily and the community will be key during these challenging times.

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