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**CORONAVIRUS****A MESSAGE FROM RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL** |

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| Our priority is to make sure that our neighbourhoods get to the other side of this pandemic stronger, more resilient and more united.  |

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| Thank you for responding to the current crisis within our neighbourhoods and communities.Rugby Borough Council is working with the health services, other local public services and the government to lead our community through these difficult times.But individual neighbourhoods need residents to work together to help each other - and we thank you for taking up this role through your community Facebook page or Whatsapp group, your community organisation or your parish council.You have already done more than others to look out for your neighbours. We know that it is asking a lot, but we are asking that you also pass on our messages and will send regular updates such as this one.Please also let us know of any particular problems that your community is facing. We are working on ways that you can do that. In the meantime, if you have any particular questions or concerns please reply to this email. We may not be able to respond immediately but we will see your message and act on it where we can.  |

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| Supporting the most vulnerable  |

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| While this virus outbreak has spread faster than expected, we have been planning for some time.We have made plans to make sure that we can continue to deliver essential services such as support for the homeless, benefit and housing applicants, and sheltered housing residents. Groups and organisation such as yours will be a part of those plans.We know that we will need to be flexible to meet people’s needs. We will publish updates to our website and send you details in future updates.  |

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| Addressing community concerns  |

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| During difficult times it is easy to become alarmed by rumours and by people who want to take advantage of others.We have already seen "fake news" about the coronavirus and about local services, and want you to know that we will provide accurate, truthful information that you can rely on.Where we spot rumours, we will address them. But it would help us keep neighbourhoods informed if you can let us know of any rumours that need to be addressed.  |

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| Urgent help needed  |

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| The Rugby food bank is facing two urgent issues and needs your help to continue.First, they have seen a big spike in demand for food parcels and a sharp drop in donations. Please could you ask your networks to consider making extra donations of food items when they next go shopping. Cash donations are never refused, but they urgently need food donations as soon as possible.Second, having moved to a new warehouse in the town centre they need urgent help to move food stocks and help in the distribution centre. Please ask your networks if anyone would consider helping. Volunteers must be under 70 and not in any of the vulnerable categories. If they are willing and available, they can send their name, a contact phone number and their age bracket to info@rugbyfoodbank.org.uk  |

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| As at 4pm on Friday 20 March, Rugby Borough Council has made the following changes to council services in response to the virus outbreak:  * Town Hall reception has now closed to general enquiries and can only help residents in need of urgent support. Please use the main council website to check whether we can [help with your enquiry online](https://rugby.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=89a21ba079c58cb0ee0032cda&id=9507445c99&e=fc801c7efc).
* Attendance at funerals held at Rainsbrook Crematorium and council-run cemeteries are restricted to immediate family.
* The BENN Hall will be closed until the end of May, except for blood donor sessions if requested by the NHS.
* The World Rugby Hall of Fame, the visitor centre and Rugby Art Gallery and Museum will be closed until the end of May.
* All town centre events due to take place in April and May have been postponed, including the planned VE day commemoration due to take place at Whitehall Rec on 8 May and the Bikefest. The Festival of Culture and Food and Drink festival have also been postponed.
* All council-run youth groups have been suspended until the end of May.
* Duty officer drop-in sessions for development control (planning permission) and building control have been suspended. Advice is available via telephone or email.
* The Handyman service has been suspended to provide additional support to the housing maintenance service and protect vulnerable residents.
* All sports pitch bookings and events in council parks, including Parkrun, have been cancelled until the end of May.
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| There is lots of information about the coronavirus and its impacts on communities. The best way to stay up to date is to receive these emails, to [follow Rugby Borough Council on Facebook](https://rugby.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=89a21ba079c58cb0ee0032cda&id=6603424ab2&e=fc801c7efc), and to check the [coronavirus section of the council website](https://rugby.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=89a21ba079c58cb0ee0032cda&id=6b7bf5218a&e=fc801c7efc).  |

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| [View this email in your browser](https://mailchi.mp/7499e2759f36/thank-you-for-helping-us-beat-coronavirus-covid-19?e=fc801c7efc)  |

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| *Copyright © 2020 All rights reserved.*You have received this email because you are part of the Rugby Borough Council community task force related to the Corona Virus emergency.  You have either signed up or are a borough councillor or parish council contact. [No more service updates](https://rugby.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=89a21ba079c58cb0ee0032cda&id=4e0ab278a4&e=fc801c7efc).   |

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