# Contact details (area code 01584 except where noted)

## \*Caynham Ashford Women's Institute (https://sites.google.com/site/caynhamashfordwi/)

Meets monthly 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday at alternate village halls

President Mrs Glynnis Steven 01568 780938

Secretary Mrs Jane van Duijvenvoorde 891396 janevanduij@gmail.com

Treasurer Mrs Ann Morris 831692

## \*Caynham & District Gardening Society (http://caynhamgardening.blogspot.co.uk)

Meets monthly 7.30pm 1st Tuesday Caynham Village Hall

Chairman Mrs Christine King 876819

Secretary Mrs Jean Faulkner 879515 jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com

Treasurer Mrs Ann Morris 831692

# \*Caynham Book Exchange

Meets monthly 11am 1st Monday Caynham Village Hall

Contact Mrs Paula Spencer 875419

## Ashford & Caynham Butterflies Pre-school Playgroup

Every weekday in term time, 9am to 3pm Bishop Hooper CE Primary School

Committee Chair Ms Julia Harmen

Leader Ms Leigh Turner 07779171674

## \*Caynham Parish Council (http://www.caynhampc.org.uk)

Meets bimonthly 7pm 1st Monday usually Knowbury Memorial Hall, occasionally Caynham or Clee Hill

Village Hall

Caynham Councillor Mrs Barbara Ashford (Chairman) 874402 County Councillor Mr Richard Huffer 891215

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#### **Caynham Walking Group**

Meets monthly 2nd Saturday: walks are 4 to 6 miles starting about 10am, followed by a pub lunch. For details please contact Catherine Newcombe (891225 or cathnewcombe@btinternet.com).

#### \*Caynham Village Hall Committee (http://www.caynham.eclipse.co.uk/vhall.html)

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#### Caynham Methodist Church

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# Jill Bufton writes:

**Caynham Christmas Tree Festival**: with great regret we have had to cancel this year's Festival due to Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully we will have a bumper Festival in 2021, so all those who were planning to decorate a tree this year should keep in mind the theme 'Christmas songs' for next year.

Caynham Church Strawberry Tea Plant Sale: a total of £396 was raised in what has been the only fund-raising event this year for Caynham Church. Thanks to Jean Faulkner for master-minding the e-mail list of plants and organising their distribution, to those who provided plants and produce to sell and to those who purchased plants from the list or from the drive at Primrose Bank.

Jam jars and plant pots needed: an urgent request for clean jam jars (without lids) for making chutney to sell for the Church, and for spare plastic plant pots and trays for future use. Please leave under the table at the bottom of the drive at Primrose Bank. Jars will be on sale at weekends weather permitting.

# Covid-19: latest update from Shropshire Council's Community Reassurance Team

Shropshire Council's Director of Public Health, Rachel Robinson, has stated:

"We are now at a dangerous and critical time in our fight against Covid-19. Infections are rising across the county and we expect to see a further increase in cases over the coming days. Day-by-day, the threat of further restrictions is closer to becoming a reality. Thank you to those who are stepping up to protect their friends, loved ones and the wider community, but we need everyone to do their bit. We all need to Step Up, think of others and play our part to avoid severe restrictions that will have a huge impact on our way of life."

Currently (data up to 20<sup>th</sup> October) Public Health England has Shropshire's Covid case rate at 95.0 per 100,000. This puts us in the lowest category of the 3 tier system introduced across England, with the least restrictions. We would be considered for moving up a tier at 100 cases per 100,000. This decision also depends on factors such as hospitalisations, hospital capacity and the rate of increase in infection. However, it looks possible that we will face more restrictions in the weeks to come.

<sup>\*</sup> currently Village Hall meetings are suspended due to Covid-19

With all of this in mind, and in preparation for a potentially challenging winter, here's a brief run-down of the information and support that's currently available to our community in Shropshire.

# **Isolating payments**

https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/benefits/benefits-news/test-and-trace-support-payments-update-9-october/

People on a low income may be entitled to a test and trace support payment of £500 if they:

- 1. Have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by the NHS Test and Trace service, because they've either tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, and
- 2. Are employed or self-employed, and
- 3. Are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, and
- Are currently receiving universal credit, working tax credit, income-based employment and support allowance, income-based jobseeker's allowance, income support, housing benefit and/or pension credit.

# **Welfare Support and Benefits**

https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-the-public/your-rights-and-benefits/

The government have relaxed the rules for some benefits to help with the effect of coronavirus. Shropshire Council is offering residents whose employment or income have been adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, the opportunity to delay payment of council tax for 2 months. If you need to claim universal credit because of coronavirus there is useful information to help you on the Understanding universal credit website. Additionally, we currently have an emergency assistance fund. Applications are open to anyone who has been financially affected by coronavirus and is finding it hard to meet their essential outgoings as a result. If you, or someone you know, is having difficulty meeting outgoings, or there is risk to your home, call us on 0345 678 9078 or 0345 678 9028.

# **Shropshire Larder and Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance**

As the recession deepens it is vital that people know where to get help if they face hardship.



**1.Shropshire Larder (shropshirelarder.org.uk)** is the most comprehensive directory of services for people living in Shropshire on a low budget. It has information on how to access a foodbank or community food project, how to eat well on a budget and how to get support with benefits, housing, and debt.



# 2.Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance (shropshirefoodpoverty.org.uk)

has created resources for

people and organizations in Shropshire to find advice and support. You can follow them on Facebook (@ShropshireLarder and @ShropFoodPov) and Twitter (@ShropLarder and

@ShropFoodPov) or sign up to the SFPA newsletter via their website.

# **Shielding**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19

With this guidance in place, we are contacting Clinically Extremely Vulnerable residents to ensure they are supported. More options may be introduced as we move into the winter period.

# Staying safe in the workplace

https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2020/10/coronavirus-staying-safe-in-the-workplace/ provides some simple advice and guidance on how to protect from the Coronavirus whilst in the workplace.





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