

Waste Collection

Week starting 30.03.20

This is the last week for brown bin collection until further notice. Brown bins should be put out one day earlier than normal collection day.

There is no blue bin collection

Green bin or general waste bin put out on normal collection day.

Week starting 6th April 2020

Blue bin (recycling bin) put out normal collection day.

Green bin or general waste bin can have small amounts of food and garden waste and should be put out on normal collection day.

TPN AND THE PYRAMID RESOURCE CENTRE ARE COMMITTED TO PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

With that in mind, sadly we have taken the decision to close our doors for a while 😞 ☐ We are down to a skeleton staff/volunteers and feel it is not worth putting anyone through any unnecessary risks of either contracting Or unwittingly passing on this potentially nasty, life threatening Virus!

PLEASE All keep on crafting, you will be surprised with the SCRAP hiding in your own homes that could be Upcycled, Recycled, Deconstructed and changed into a wonderful New creation? We aim to continue posting interesting and fun ideas throughout this enforced closure and please continue to send us pics of your makes and any suggestions/ideas you may have for all our crafters sitting at home too! Stay Safe Everyone and Everything crossed that this is all over sooner rather than later 🙏🙏

Miriam Gent
Resource Centre Manager

EVENTS

The following events have been cancelled.

The Easter Fair in the Chadwell Centre (Library)

The Talking Shop Drop in Service

Tilbury Riverside Guided Walks

Toffs Older peoples Conference

Planning application 20/00284/OUT

This relates to a parcel of land at the end of Riverview.

They are wanting to build 140 houses.

The Chairman has written to Andrew Millard objecting to this and a copy of his email is shown. If you do not want to see anymore houses built in Chadwell please email Andrew Millard but PLEASE do not copy the Chairman's email word for word or it will be invalidated.

Dear Mr Millard,

As a resident of Chadwell St Mary ward I write to register my OBJECTION to the above planning application on the following grounds:

- The piece of land in question has been used as pasture for many years, and as such provides a valuable ecological buffer between the wards of Chadwell St Mary and Little Thurrock, not to mention a breathing space and partial sound barrier between Chadwell St Mary and the A1089;
- The new houses will inevitably generate new traffic movements on local roads, and it is clear to any current observer that Riverview in particular is reaching capacity, especially in morning and afternoon peak periods. This has a knock-on effect at the Cross Keys junction and along Brentwood and Linford Roads;
- Even without the coronavirus, GP provision in Chadwell St Mary is already at full stretch. The NHS Clinic in Riverview was closed some years ago without warning or consultation, and the two surgeries in Chadwell St Mary, together with the Community Hub, have had to absorb the workload from there in addition to their normal patients. College Health's surgeries are manifestly under-resourced now, and would not be able to cope with a substantial influx of new patients such as this development would create. There is only one dental practise in Chadwell St Mary for a current population of 10,000, and this too is stretched;
- The land in question is Green Belt, and although Thurrock Council has appeared willing to countenance developments on Green Belt land elsewhere in the unitary authority nevertheless no precedent has been set, nor should it be, by permitting this application.

COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION **Thurrock CVS**

Thurrock Coronavirus Community Action will launch on Friday 27 March.

Thurrock Council in partnership with Stronger Together, Thurrock CVS and other local organisations are working together to safely coordinate support to residents in need and to help ensure voluntary work is carried out in a safe and co-ordinated way across the borough.

The priority of Thurrock Coronavirus Community Action is to help residents who have been contacted by Government and Public Health England in regards to shielding, these are residents who are at very high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and must stay at home and self-isolate for 12 weeks due to underlying health conditions.

If you fall into this category and have received a text or letter from the NHS this week please follow the link in the message and sign up for support. Volunteers for Thurrock Coronavirus Community Action will be in touch with these residents in due course to confirm their individual support needs.

For residents who do not fall into the shielding category but require additional help and support at this time, more information will be coming out from Monday on how to access help from Thurrock Coronavirus Community Action.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Rob Gledhill, said: "As the coming days and weeks become more difficult, self-isolation and access to help may be a source of worry for many of our residents. I urge residents who have received a text or letter from the NHS this week to follow the link in the text and sign up for support as soon as possible.

"Thurrock Coronavirus Community Action will be providing our most vulnerable residents with help to access food, medicines and social contact. Thank you so much to everyone across the borough who is volunteering to support our communities at this challenging time."

Stronger Together are developing a local volunteer network to support this activity. This will include help for individuals and groups who would like to volunteer but will also provide information online enabling people to say how and where they can help. With connections to other local organisations, Stronger Together will coordinate and link volunteers with roles within the community but also provide signposting for people to help themselves and others.

Kristina Jackson, Chief Executive at Thurrock CVS, said: "It is clear that many people across the borough want to do something to help others and I would please ask anyone who would like to help out, to register their interest in volunteering through the website detailed below so we can co-ordinate a fast and effective response and get food, medicine and other essential items to those who need them as quickly and safely as possible for all, whilst sticking to social distancing measured."

To register your interest to volunteer please visit: <https://help.timetospare.com/thurrock>

For more information on Thurrock Coronavirus Community Action visit: www.thurrock.gov.uk/coronavirus-action

Additional information is available via <http://www.strongertogether.org.uk> and <https://thurrockcvs.org>

Support for the community is also on where there are details of support through dedicated Facebook page and Facebook Group to give a platform for residents to share resources and receive additional local information.



Message from our CEO

What a busy, fast changing week this has been. At all times Thurrock CVS has been working hard behind the scenes for the interest of the sector and communities.

What's been happening this week:

- Thurrock CVS has been speaking with Thurrock Council to relax KPI's on all contracts and grants. Hopefully those of you that hold a contract or grant from the Council should have received notification of this, plus how the Council wishes to support the organisation.
- Emergency funding – We have been speaking with the council to see if some small emergency funding could be made available. We are hoping to announce something very early next week.
- COVID 19 response – we have been working with partners in the Stronger Together Partnership, and with help from colleagues have designed a local volunteer response page for community support – more information will follow. As these are fast moving times, it was important that the systems behind the scenes were in place to ensure the safety of both volunteers and citizens.
- Funding news – Conversation took place this week with Essex Community Foundation around the National Emergency Trust – we are pleased to announce that something will be announced Thursday on how to apply for emergency sustainability funding for groups and organisations.
- Thank you to those organisations that have completed the survey, we have raised some of your concerns expressed, especially around food supplies, cleaning supplies and assistance with rent and rates – we will continue to pursue.
- Our comms team have been doing a tremendous job pushing out communication during these very difficult times. All advice is to push everyone to the national websites to ensure the message is consistent.
- Our projects have also been working very hard. Social Prescribers have been very busy speaking to patients that are feeling anxious, contacting their GP's and By Your Side Project is responding to patients who are being discharged from hospital to support them during these difficult times of rapid discharge. Healthwatch Thurrock has been responding to numerous requests and anxieties around medications and GP appointments. Volunteer Centre/Timebanking has been responding to requests for help and development workers have been contacting organisations to see how we can help.
- We have also been feeding into national requests regarding funding priorities and we are pleased to see that many funders are responding with relaxing of KPI's or diverting of funds to support COVID-19

For info:

COVID-19 Info in multiple languages

<https://www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-information/#>

We hope you are all keeping safe and well and following government guidelines. If there is anything we can do to help support you during these difficult times please get in contact.

Message to the Community sent on behalf of Thurrock Council

As everyone is acutely aware, these are very difficult times when all of us are being asked to respond to the national and global crisis which is covid-19 and do all we can to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. In partnership with Stronger Together, the council is preparing to go live tomorrow with a Community Response for Thurrock's most vulnerable residents as identified by government as the 1.5m who are currently in 12 weeks lockdown. This is critical and we can only do it working together and pooling our joint resources to maximum affect.

We are waiting for the details of those we need to shield in Thurrock which we hope to have today. There are already plans in place with a central distribution hub being set up and 20 satellite hubs in each ward in the borough. We are expecting to be up and running with our response to those requiring shielding tomorrow and this is being delivered absolutely with the community sector.

In addition, come next week we will be in a position jointly to offer support to the other most vulnerable residents in Thurrock. All of which will require huge voluntary support.

Through the CVS there is coordination on volunteering happening where people can sign up to offer your support. Likewise, we are capturing all the support being offered by business in the borough too.

It is absolutely clear we will need all the community goodwill that exceeds in Thurrock over the coming days, weeks and months. I know so many of you are keen to help and support, details of how to do so will be coming in the next day or so. We have to follow the national guidance and I appreciate that sometimes, this can take time so share but please bear with me and all the team through Stronger Together.

The role that you all play will not only help support people, it will save lives. For all you volunteers, I also want to make sure we protect you whilst you are giving so much to help and that has been an absolute focus too. The social distancing and how we manage a major distribution centre is challenging enough in normal circumstances but I want to make sure we think of you and your families too.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who is supporting and who wants to support. We have never faced such a difficult task but I do know that the strength of Thurrock and its community is the collective support and giving to others. Now, more than ever, the most vulnerable in our society need our partnership working.

Thank you all, stay safe and be strong.

Kind regards

Lyn Carpenter
Chief Executive

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Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures - there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home cleaning services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good friend,
help to protect
your family, friends
and neighbours
from scams.

**Read it.
Share it.
Prevent it.**

#Coronavirus
#ScamAware



Contact

For advice on scams call the
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **0808 223 11 33**
To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

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Scams Team

To learn more about the different types of scams visit www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk