

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH

## Weekly Newsletter 12 for Autumn 2020

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This is the Horsham District/West Sussex website with most of the details that are required to appreciate what is going on around us: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/>

We also refer to this web site: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

This second one has links into all the national statistical details, and via a post code searcher within the UK section, you can track cases and deaths. The local statistics might often be a few days delayed, but at the moment, they are very encouraging around us - in Horsham and Chichester. West Sussex as a whole has been indicated as being in a high risk area, it is important not to think that our local position is much better, and we should not be complacent: **wear masks, shop carefully and keep your distance, wash your hands and use the cleansing gel at all times.**

The regulations below are taken from the Government guidelines: at the end of this list, there are some complicated rules concerning various events and travel, especially across Tier 2 and Tier 3 boundaries.

Significantly, the Government has indicated that the placings in each Tier may shift on a weekly timetable of review. It is worth noting how 'case rates' differ significantly across East and West Sussex.

## West Sussex – as a whole, is in Tier 2

This is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections, where some additional restrictions need to be in place.

### In tier 2:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the 'rule of 6'
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a [COVID-Secure](#) manner, other than those which remain closed by law, such as nightclubs
- pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals
- hospitality businesses selling food or drink for consumption on their premises are required to:
  - provide table service only, in premises which sell alcohol
  - close between 11pm and 5am (hospitality venues in airports, ports, transport services and motorway service areas are exempt)
  - stop taking orders after 10pm
- hospitality businesses and venues selling food and drink for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- early closure (11pm) applies to casinos, cinemas, theatres, museums, bowling alleys, amusement arcades, funfairs, theme parks, adventure parks and activities, and bingo halls. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls can stay open beyond 11pm in order to conclude performances that start before 10pm

- public attendance at outdoor and indoor events (performances and shows) is permitted, limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- public attendance at spectator sport and business events can resume inside and outside, subject to [social contact rules](#) and limited to whichever is lower: 50% capacity, or either 2,000 people outdoors or 1,000 people indoors
- places of worship remain open, but you must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on numbers of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies and receptions, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, and 15 people can attend linked commemorative events such as wakes or stone-settings.
- organised outdoor sport, and physical activity and exercise classes can continue
- organised indoor sport, physical activity and exercise classes will only be permitted if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with (or share a support bubble with). There are exceptions for indoor disability sport, sport for educational purposes and supervised sport and physical activity for under-18s, which can take place with larger groups mixing
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities which are open, but should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible
- if you live in a tier 2 area, you must continue to follow tier 2 rules when you travel to a tier 1 area. Avoid travel to or overnight stays in tier 3 areas other than where necessary, such as for work, education, youth services, to receive medical treatment, or because of caring responsibilities. You can travel through a tier 3 area as a part of a longer journey
- for international travel see the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office [travel advice](#) for your destination and the [travel corridors list](#).

**The Parish Council** is once again operating as a hub for information, assistance with deliveries or appointments, and – importantly – keeping in touch. It is important to keep a watch out for any signs of neighbours, friends and relatives needing help, but being afraid to ask.

**The Sub-Post Office** remains open at the usual times on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday – and – within the above rules – it is, at least, a chance to see that other people are coping OK.

It is noticeable how many more people are out cycling and walking, especially if the sky is light and there is some sun – it's good to say hello and talk, but be sure to maintain your distance.

**Finally (1)**, a note of something to be aware of: sadly, the opportunities for scams and frauds appear to have increased during the two lockdowns; it is too easy to get involved on the phone, or even something on the doorstep, when the offer seems plausible or worth-while: our advice is – never say “yes” to anyone or anything in such circumstances. Stop the conversation, they soon get the message.

**And Finally (2)**, we say a big “Thankyou” to all villagers and visitors for obeying the rules to ensure that “next year” will be better. Keep in touch.

Guy Nelson & John Evans