WGRA Westgate Residents Association, Chichester

Westgate, Henty Gardens, Mount Lane, St Bartholomew's Close, Tannery Close

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Dear Residents,

Coronavirus Emergency

All of us on Westgate are following the news and government briefings carefully and it is clear we are facing challenging times. The WGRA committee met last night and have two announcements: -

- In the light of government advice, we have reluctantly decided to cancel the Summer Street Party planned for 8th May to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We are very sorry that this cannot go ahead and will issue refunds to those of you who have already bought tickets.
- 2. Local residents want to show support to each other at this time. We understand it's not always easy to ask for help, but we are gathering a group of volunteers who are very happy to offer assistance over the next few months. Whether you would like us to pick up some shopping or a prescription, post a letter, walk your dog or just make time for a phone call, please contact us on the numbers below.

We will be sending a copy of this message to every house at the weekend, but in the meantime, please can all residents look out for each other, contact a neighbour, exchange phone numbers and offer to help.

In particular, the following residents have all agreed to share their contact details and are happy to help.

Narrows

Kathryn No. 25 Tel: 07809 668640 Noel No. 55 Tel: 07973 797002 Louise 1 Mount Lane Tel: 07766 958839 Nikki No. 42 Tel: 07958 255637 Emma No. 48 Tel: 07956 391427 Clare No. 21 Tel: 07973 570716

Tannery

Bebette No. 6 Tel: 07791 237502

Henty Gardens

St Bartholomew's Close

West of Parklands Road

Julia No. 66. Tel: 07517 617746 Gabrielle 76A Tel: 07775 911260

If you know you definitely need specific extended help to get you through self-isolation, then please give your details to Kathryn Kellagher on 07809 668640, email: kellagher@fastmail.co.uk and we will try to find a more regular volunteer.

If anyone else is available to join the Volunteers, please contact Kathryn.

A few ground rules

Coronavirus is very contagious and we don't want to expose residents or volunteers to unnecessary risks – the following is advised:-

- Please contact a volunteer in the first instance to make arrangements so that you know who you are dealing with.
- Please agree what you need by phone/email
- Leave items at the doorstep avoid physical contact (keep 2 metres distance)
- Be careful handling money (put the exact money in an envelope or a cheque made out to cash). It might be a good idea to have some cash ready at home
- Always deal with people you know and agree in advance how money will change hands
- Never ever give your credit card or bank details or a lot of cash to anyone.
- Watch out for any scams where people are phoning or knocking on your door pretending they are trying to help you out.

We'll get through this by looking after each other. If you would like to join the volunteers list, please email or ring:

Kathryn Kellagher Email: kellagher@fastmail.co.uk Mobile phone 07809 668640

We will keep you posted. Richard Brownfield

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