

Local Action Against Coronavirus

15th April 2020

Boaters at West Mills

Cllr Stephen Masters has been praised by boaters moored at West Mills. Cllr Masters has been checking on the boats at least once every two days to make sure all are managing ok. This has been reassuring for residents to know that his presence is known.

Local Hairdressers Donating PPE

Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Olivia Lewis, put out a call for gloves from local hairdressers for them to be redistributed to care homes and carers/social workers who require personal protective equipment where there is a shortage.

Hairdressers who came forward and donated are:

- -Duo Hair & Beauty
- -Headroom Hairdressers
- -Seguoia Hair
- -Salon 46
- -Air Hair

Newbury Town Council thanks these local businesses for their support during this difficult time.

Chat With The Mayor

The Mayor of Newbury, Cllr Elizabeth O'Keeffe is launching a telephone call service to help support the elderly who are self-isolating. To help combat loneliness during this time, The Mayor is offering the opportunity for residents to have a social chat.

She said "my civic duties ended abruptly in mid-March. I wished to do something to help in the community, however given my age I was unable to volunteer for any tasks outside my home. Phoning self-isolating people who are home alone was one option. I know how much many organisations and charities like to have a visit from the Mayor. Many individuals also enjoy a surprise visit on an anniversary or special birthday. Phoning some of these people for a chat seems like a way I can still do this."

Phone calls will be made by an appointment basis and will be about 10 minutes long. If you would like to receive a phone call from the Mayor, or would like to nominate somebody to receive a phone call, please contact the Mayor's Office by phoning **01635 780 203** Monday to Thursday 9am—5pm, or email **mayor@newbury.gov.uk** with the name of the recipient of the phone call and telephone number. You will then be given a time slot when the Mayor will call.

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