



**BIGGAR  
COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL**

# Coronavirus Community Action



## **Biggar Cares - Community Update No1.**

### **How we can help you stay safe**

Regarding Coronavirus: it seems the town is getting the key messages about staying at home and using our services to help us all stay safe. Thank you.

We need to continue with social distancing measures and so we are offering these services to support us all during these extraordinary times.

Here is a summary of what we are offering:

### **FOOD DELIVERIES: (07376 318724) 10am - 3pm daily**

- Order your shopping from a participating shop and pay over the phone. Ask when your order will be ready for collection
- Then on the day of collection, phone the Helpline and we will deliver to you
- Orders will be placed on your doorstep and the doorbell will be rung. We will not come in.

Graeme's Pharmacy - 01899 220019

Brownlies - 01899 220205 (email preferred [brownlies@btinternet.com](mailto:brownlies@btinternet.com))

The Orchard 01899221449 or email [theorchardbiggar@gmail.com](mailto:theorchardbiggar@gmail.com)

Oven's Butchers - 01899 220547

Healthy Pets - 01899 220592

### **PRESCRIPTION SERVICE: (07376 318724) 10am - 3pm daily**

- Order your repeat prescriptions as usual (online, box inside doctors' door or by phoning Graeme's Pharmacy)
- The pharmacy is very busy: For regular prescriptions please try to wait 4 days before checking it is ready. It will be quicker for new prescriptions e.g. antibiotics
- Phone Helpline on day prescription should be ready and we will deliver to your door and ring the bell. We will not enter.

### **LISTENING EAR: NEW SERVICE**

07422 356835 10am - 3pm Daily from Monday 6th April

It is a worrying and anxious time for many. If you have concerns or questions you can call this number and we will do our best to answer you or direct you to organisations who can help you. We have carefully selected volunteers providing this confidential service.

## **South Lanarkshire Council Wellbeing Helpline**

South Lanarkshire Council has introduced a new Community Wellbeing Helpline, established for communities and people who have no access to local support in their area or have more complex needs (e.g. financial or social care problems) that stretch beyond those offered by their community.

The South Lanarkshire Council Wellbeing Helpline is:

0303 123 1009

and the opening hours are as follows:-

Monday to Thursday 8.45am – 4.45pm, Friday 8.45am – 4.15pm

Saturday and Sunday 8.45am – 4.45pm

## **Stories to Warm your heart**

On a more Positive note....our Helpline and volunteers have been showered with good news and gratitude. Here are just some of the highlights:

We were happy to help a concerned son looking to provide deliveries for his elderly, housebound Biggar relative to save his sister from a 100-mile round trip. We were rather surprised when we realised the son lived in New Zealand and had found us online!

Rainbows and teddies and other creatures have been popping up in windows across our town to give children something to spot on their walks. Brilliant!

Hearing of the cooperation and helping-out across the businesses in town has been amazing. It is a worrying time for our shopkeepers and we know that without them life in Biggar would not be the same. Please continue to support them.

Demand for food parcels from Clydesdale Food Bank is growing daily as poverty hits families already living precariously. Keep donating if you can.

The Cornets & Gala Committee have joined in with volunteering support for the town despite the disappointment of realising their Gala Day will have to be postponed. Thank you!

Finally, Alwyne and David Williamson from Cloud Nine have generously donated hundreds of Easter cards for you and your family to send to neighbours and family. You will find one in your delivery soon. Stamps can be ordered and added to your shopping from Brownlie's if you wish.

**Stay Safe, Stay Home, Be Good Neighbours**