



OATEN HILL & SOUTH CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION

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Dear OHSCA members, this is our 3rd weekly bulletin to keep you up to date with notices or local news, including any short personal contributions. Please feel free to contact the Bulletin at gretaohsca@gmail.com

Information on support during the coronavirus crisis:

Canterbury CC run a help line to assist in all areas of need, especially for those self-isolating: 01227 868598 or you can fill in an online form at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/help>

Connect Well East Kent run a 14 page list of help currently available from local councils, community and voluntary groups. Please use the link: <https://www.connectwelleastkent.org.uk/covid-19-help/>

Ageless Thanet also has a list of support available in the community and are providing a telephone service, so if you are struggling with feelings of social isolation and loneliness during this time and would like to hear a friendly voice try calling 01843 210005 between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information use the link: <https://sekgroup.org.uk/community-support/ageless-thanet/>

Information from Canterbury City Council sent to OHSCA for the attention of residents:

Dealing with travellers during the pandemic

COVID-19 has forced both the police and CCC to temporarily change their approach in order to follow national guidelines. The police will no longer evict travelling families from unauthorised encampments and have asked councils to allow those families to stay on suitable sites all the while the crisis continues. With some vulnerable people among their number, this will allow them to access healthcare and reduce the potential spread of the virus. There is no evidence to suggest travelling families are directly responsible for the spread of coronavirus and are just as likely to catch it as the rest of us. The CCC will provide facilities like water, toilets and waste removal.

The CCC will be using the motorhome area of the New Dover Road park and ride site. It already has standpipes and the facility to empty chemical toilets. The enforcement team will visit the site regularly to carry out welfare, behaviour and safety checks. It will also be monitored by CCTV. In return, the families are asked to agree to a strict set of rules governing their behaviour that apply to anyone using CCC land, otherwise they will be evicted. Travellers arriving on Canterbury City Council land in the district will only be directed to this site if they have set up camp somewhere that is dangerous or unsuitable and we will use our normal processes to evict them if they refuse to head to New Dover Road. If any resident has any concerns, questions or would like further information, please contact csu@canterbury.gov.uk

A reminder:

Temporary road closure on part of B2068 Old Dover Road from 29th to 30th April between 09:30 and 18:00. Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Old Dover Rd. The B2068 Old Dover Road will be closed at the junction with Ethelbert Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route for through traffic is via South Canterbury Road, Nunnery Fields, Old Dover Road, A28 Upper Bridge Street, A257 St Georges Place, A2050 New Dover Road, St Lawrence Road and Old Dover Road.

Other news:

- Subscribers to The Canterbury Society can read the interview with Rosie Duffield, MP.
- KCC have cleared the pathway from Juniper Close to Simon Langton.
- Both the OHSCA's recently planted Judas trees in the New Dover Road are in flower.
- Have you seen the beautiful Orange Tips in your garden? The female butterflies lack the orange but show an amazing mosaic of black and yellow scales that appear green.