

CRA Covid-19 Update
Operation Community Shield - how it is supporting Chigwell residents

Dear Residents,

We are working with Essex County Council building awareness amongst our residents of Operation Community Shield. Support for all Essex residents who need it is available and being provided locally through a coordinated effort. Below is a summary of what is in place for people who need help and support in these difficult times.

Please circulate this information amongst your networks and friends not just in Chigwell but throughout Essex so the message of where help is available can be spread as wide as possible
We will be sending a separate message on how you can help by volunteering with Epping Forest Volunteer Services

Essex County Council has set up a new service to help vulnerable people in our community who are isolated at home and in need of support during the coronavirus period. The Essex Welfare Service is for people who are unable to access the support they need at this time. Essex Welfare Service is specifically for those people who are not able to get any support from either family or friends.

**If you or anyone you know needs help
please contact Essex Welfare Services at**
essexwelfareservice.org
or call 0300 3039988

Essex Welfare Service should be the first point of contact for anyone who needs help in Essex and those in need should contact them directly. If you know someone who needs help you or we can contact EWS on their behalf. Help can be anything from emergency food parcel deliveries to having shopping done to dog walking to making online and phone contacts to check on and talk to people.

Some residents may have already had messages from their doctor or the NHS to contact EWS if they are vulnerable or need help because they are ill. But EWS is not just for the very ill, it is for any Essex resident who may not be able to rely on family or friends for help and needs support at this difficult time

Government Emergency Food Bundles

From March 30th the Government is delivering emergency food bundles, to category A & B residents who have requested them. These are residents the Government has written to advising they cannot leave home due to health issues and have no support

Any Chigwell resident who has a [medical condition which makes you extremely vulnerable to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), should register using the link below and tell the Government whether or not you need support.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>

Please make sure any residents you know who qualify are added to the register regardless of whether they need an emergency food bundle or not.

Foodbank

Epping Forest Foodbank is moving to deliveries from collection for anyone who, due to financial crisis, cannot afford food right now. Anyone already receiving Foodbank vouchers will be covered but any new referrals can be done via EWS. If you or anyone you know are in financial crisis and cannot afford food, please contact EWS asap for a referral.

The Epping Forest Foodbank is under real pressure and desperately needs donations of cash and food. Donations of food are taken in on Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 12 noon at Unit D8, Loughton Seedbed Centre, Langston Road, Loughton, IG10 3TQ. Please consider donating any spare non-perishable food, personal products, baby food, etc. for those families now in financial crisis due to job loss or illness.

Residents can donate [here](#) to Epping Forest Food Bank

Please contact us at info@chigwellresidentsassociation.co.uk with any questions

Wishing you all good health in these challenging times.

Kind regards

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