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Preston on Tees Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring edition of our biannual Newsletter

News

The Parish AGM is to be held on Monday, May 11th at 7pm, if conditions allow.

Covid - 19

We are living in a difficult and unprecedented time. It is a time when our community should (and is) pulling together to help each other. In the current climate it is unknown when the Preston-on Tees Parish Council will reconvene in person but we are still here to support and listen to those who need us.

CURRENT GOVERNMENT / NHS GUIDELINES

STAY AT HOME TO STOP THE CORONAVIRUS SPREADING

Public Health guidance:

- shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible
- one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle, alone or with members of your household
- Public Gatherings of two or more people are banned. Stay two metres (6ft) away from other people.
- any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

Remember: Anyone can spread the virus.

Read the latest at [GOV.UK/coronavirus\(www\)](http://GOV.UK/coronavirus(www))

If you are displaying symptoms check the NHS Website.

Preston Park Stakeholder Meeting

Stockton Council's "Preston Park Stakeholders" met on 19th Feb. and was attended by 12 stakeholders including a representative from Preston PC. Some items discussed were :-

- a) The tea shop is to be taken back under Museum control from April.

- b) There is a community litter pick on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Volunteers are provided with gloves and litter pickers. Please enquire at
- c) The toilet block is to be refurbished. (Timescales are unknown)
- d) The Teesside Small Gauge Railway celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.
- e) The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th July at 4pm in the Museum.

In line with the latest recommendations from the government, Preston Park Museum will be closed from 5pm on Wednesday 18 March until further notice. All upcoming events are currently postponed. Please see www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk for the latest information.

Parking

In recent issues of the Newsletter, we commented on the problems caused by parking of cars etc in the Parish's streets. You may have seen or heard that the Government is considering the banning of parking on pavements, as already is the case in London. We recognise that many of our roads are very narrow and not really designed for today's traffic.

Fly Tipping

Some residents are still leaving items outside their property for the refuse collectors to take, which the operators either judge to be unsuitable or are not allowed to take. If an item is left after a collection, it means that it is the responsibility of the householder to dispose of it (legally) themselves. There is Household Waste and Recycling facility at Haverton Hill where all types of unwanted items can be taken. For opening times please call Stockton Borough Council on 01642 391959 (*currently closed due to present emergency*) or visit Waste collection and recycling at www.Stockton.gov.uk

Regular Parish Walks

The Housing Association "Thirteen" hold regular "walkabouts" in Preston village looking at the state of the village and noting what repairs/maintenance are needed. The next walkabout is proposed for 3rd June 2020 and starts at the **shops at Lime Rd.**

Useful phone numbers

Neighbourhood Enforcement Service for antisocial behavior etc 01642 607943

Suspected covid - 19 111. Don't call doctor or Health centre!

