All Covid 19 related updates will appear on our website here  <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/964/coronavirus_latest> , alongside social media.

 I have highlighted a couple of recent items that may be of particular interest:

* **Herefordshire Council have a central coordination centre with a dedicated telephone line for vulnerable people, volunteers and community organisations/leaders to contact us and we will then link them back into the community organisations/leaders.**This co-ordinated approach will include support for those recently identified as need shielding**.**Many parishes have provided us with information of the community work being undertaken.  People (and groups) wishing to volunteer can register also vulnerable people needing support, on the following link: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/covid19help>  the dedicated telephone number is 01432 260027 and email address [talkcommunitycovidresponse@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:talkcommunitycovidresponse@herefordshire.gov.uk)

* **All Herefordshire Council owned public play areas closed until further notice - In order to protect the public from the threat of COVID-19, Herefordshire Council has taken the decision to close all public play areas from Monday 23 March until further notice.**The decision (record of decision attached) has been taken due to the unprecedented threat to Public Health posed by the outbreak of COVID-19, and will help to support official guidance about social distancing. Parks are still open, however, please follow government advice by avoiding gatherings and maintaining social distancing. Visit [GOV.UK for the latest coronavirus information](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public?utm_source=80c73114-6b38-4967-a64c-2279929570c0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate) and guidance.

**24th March 2020**