

Briefing from Cllr Kema Guthrie (Ward Councillor) (02-04-20)

For daily updates & latest information on Covid 19 view Council's website https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/news/article/964/coronavirus_latest_information

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Fastershire launches new grant to help community groups

A new 'Keep Connected' grant has been launched to help support groups and organisations to adapt and continue to deliver their services remotely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The grant, worth up to £500 for new software subscriptions, online platforms or technology, is available to any not-for-profit groups or organisations, including charities, community groups and Parish/town councils.

For more information about the grant, visit www.fastershire.com/KeepConnected

Beware of Coronavirus scams

Herefordshire Council's Trading Standards team is warning people to remain vigilant following a rise in Coronavirus-related scams happening in the county. Here are examples of current scams we are investigating:

- Fake sanitisers, face masks and COVID-19 swabbing kits being sold online and door-to-door. These products can often be dangerous and unsafe.*
- Supplements and anti-virus kits which falsely claim to cure or prevent COVID-19.*
- Criminals claiming to represent charities which help people who are self-isolating. In reality they are misleading the public into donating and then take the victim's money.*
- Companies offering fake holiday refunds for individuals who have been forced to cancel their trips. People seeking refunds should also be wary of fake websites set up to claim holiday refunds.*

Please ignore these scams and make sure more vulnerable and elderly members of the public are aware too. If you suspect a scam, or that a family member has been the victim of a scam, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133