

ACTION GROUP UPDATE APRIL 2020

Building Together Safer and Kinder Communities

ROC Weston Super Mare - Organisational update

We are in the process of forming an unincorporated Community Group organisation and setting up a bank account, so we can receive and disburse funds.

In order to progress this we have asked Denys Rayner to act as Treasurer. Denys brings a wide range of career experience in finance and CEO roles as well as a wealth of experience in the charity and voluntary sectors. We have also asked Paul Maxwell (Hope Church) if he would join the coordination team, Paul has considerable experience as a successful business and community leader and is a welcome addition to the ROC co-ordination team.



COVID –19 Update

TOGETHER www.n-somerset.gov.uk/together ROC WSM have been engaged with "North Somerset Together", "Helping People" the "WSM coronavirus response" Facebook page and together contributing to the response, to support the elderly and vulnerable in our town

by co-ordinating volunteer support via 5 Church Hubs, The hubs each have a volunteer group that deal with the requests for grocery shopping, prescription collection and telephone contact and support. To date there have been around 500 requests with ROC Hubs handling about 50%. This support is also now extended to the local GP practices, via a secure referral process, to provide support to patients that they identify as being vulnerable.

What's happening next?

Weston Town Council are producing 56,000 post cards for distribution in the Weston area, beginning on Monday 27th April, these cards will have information of how to access help for vulnerable people, including the helpline telephone number, we therefore, anticipate an increased number of help requests coming through when the distribution has taken place.

How you can help

Volunteer– if you are DBS checked, you can join your nearest Church Hub, they are St. Paul's, Christ Church, Milton Baptist Church, Locking Castle Church, and Hope Church simply email us at <u>daveandpennyroc@gmail.com</u> with your name and contact details and your preferred Hub, and we will put you in contact with the hub coordinators.

Other News

Crime Sub Group: Police Community Support Officers up date. Please like and follow Nicks Facebook page <u>Click here</u>.

Community Sub Group: Thanks to Frank Simonds, Neighbourhood Watch, for building on the success of the "Corona Kindness" cards with a network of neighbourly helpers in the Whitecross Village area.

Let us know of any other news that ROC members are engaged in.

Keeping in contact

Click on the icons below to Join the Whatsapp group and like, follow and share the Facebook page.



Covid-19 - Help! Do you need somebody?

Do you need help with shopping, fetching prescriptions or just having a friendly chat?

Working with our community partners and volunteers offering assistance during Covid-19



