

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA ASSOCIATION

(Founded 1937)

Dear Members,

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

I hope you are all well in the light of the national situation in respect of the coronavirus pandemic and the MOSA Committee wanted to advise you of an initiative we are introducing in response to the pandemic.

As you will be aware the Government has suggested a number of actions the general public will need to undertake to try to ensure their continued good health.

You will know by now that Coronavirus is very contagious, and it would be remiss of me not to remind you of the measures that have been recommended and include the following:

- Washing your hands regularly
- Maintain social distances to avoid contamination
- Self-isolate if you consider you may have any of the symptoms
- Avoid non-essential visits and the over 70's to confine themselves at home.
- Further advice is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

The main purpose of my letter today is to advise you that the MOSA has recognised that some of the restrictions being placed on our local residents may cause them some considerable difficulties in their day to day living.

We are offering a facility whereby if residents experience any problems when they are confining themselves to their home, and their normal support is unavailable, MOSA will try to assist by providing a network of other members of the MOSA and your local friends and neighbours to assist you. Specifically, we could assist in the following:

- Picking up of shopping
- Maintaining communications with members and developing social events (within the guidelines!!)
- Urgent supplies
- Mail posting
- Reception of deliveries etc

The system itself would be very simple in that any resident experiencing a problem, would contact their road representative, in the first instance, and advise them of the situation. If the road rep is unavailable to co-ordinate the help themselves, then an email to the MOSA Secretary or Chair will initiate a response from either the Association Secretary or myself.

- secretary@mosassociation.org
- chair@mosassociation.org

We would then make the necessary arrangements and, hopefully, resolve the problem.

Maintaining the health of all parties is paramount and therefore communications would be by phone and email and any deliveries etc would be left at the door. Social distancing would be maintained at all times.

The system we are proposing does rely on a number of people being available from MOSA to assist and, as some of you will have noticed, a number of the committee do fall within the (must be careful here!!) “At Risk” group.

Therefore, we seek additional volunteers to become involved in the scheme and become Assistants to the Road Representative who could be called upon, subject to their own availability, to help other Association members.

YOUR ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!!

If you are able to assist in this can you please let your road representative know or email me at chair@mosassociation.org.uk.

I hope we do not have to use this facility but the MOSA Committee felt strongly that this would, at least, set peoples mind at rest if they do experience difficulties.

May I take the opportunity to wish you all continued good health and please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Martin

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