

# SAINTFIELD NEWS UPDATE

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A SOURCE OF HELPFUL LOCAL INFORMATION

## CORONAVIRUS - COMMUNITY ACTION IN SAINTFIELD

Martyn Todd writes, "As Chair of a community group in Saintfield I have been keeping in touch with local councillors and the Council officer responsible for the Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA). From these contacts I have gathered that NMD Council will be carrying out a public information campaign aimed at ensuring that any vulnerable or isolated person who does not have family members or neighbours to help them still receives the help they need. This help may be just a daily phone call for a chat, errands, run for food or medication or a dog exercised.

The current plan, as I am advised, is that the Council information will name each DEA officer and give their phone number. For Rowallane DEA, this is Ellen Brennan. Ellen has

the name of a community volunteer for each town in the Rowallane DEA. If she receives a request for help from a person in Saintfield, she will pass that person's number on to me. Our local councillor, Kathy Owen has given me a list of over a dozen people who have volunteered to help vulnerable or isolated people, whether by phoning them for a chat or doing some shopping for them. She has given this list to me so that, when Ellen passes on a request for help, I can go down this list of volunteers until I find someone able to take on the task.

I know that most vulnerable or isolated people in Saintfield will already have a family member or good neighbour who will look after them. I also know that there are many people self-isolating at home who are

willing to help where they can. The SDA motto is "Saintfield People Working for Saintfield People". In these difficult times helping those who need it brings this motto to life. Together we can ensure that no one in and around Saintfield goes without the help they need."

### For Information:

The NMD Council website has the following Coronavirus (COVID-19) information page: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-vulnerable-people>

You can contact Advice NI by using the Freephone number 0808 802 0020, by e-mail [covid19@adviceni.net](mailto:covid19@adviceni.net), or by texting ACTION to 81025.

You may also contact AGE NI Advice on 0808 808 7575.

## SAINTFIELD SUPPORT FACEBOOK PAGE

Rowallane councillor Kathryn Owen has initiated a Facebook page for Saintfield and district residents to access and post helpful information and to give support relating to the town and the pandemic.

[See 'Covid-19 Saintfield Community and Wellbeing Group'.]

There is also a Facebook page set up by our Rowallane councillors.

It has been created to work

with local organisations and volunteers and to coordinate how best to respond to the pandemic at a local level.

[See 'Rowallane DEA Councillors Covid-19 Response'.]

## SAINTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has advised that the Saintfield community centre may possibly be used as a community hub for the

distribution of food, medical supplies etc during the Covid-19 pandemic. Should this be necessary, it will be operated by Council staff.




## LOCAL BUSINESSES TRADING

The Saintfield Striders compiled a list of the following businesses which are reported as still trading and there may be others not listed here. Please confirm with them as trading hours may be reduced and may change without notice. Please support our local traders as much as possible. Some are offering a delivery service to those self-isolating or unable to shop in person.

**Gordons Chemists**

**Saintfield Service Station & Post Office (deliveries available )**  
**Phone 9751 0251**

**Morrison's ViVOXTRA (deliveries available )**

**Millbank Farm shop (deliveries available )**  
**Phone 07593 922906**

**Beechill Pet Supplies**

**Hazels Newsagents Saintfield - call in or phone 07813 016072**

**Masseys of Saintfield butchers (deliveries available )**

**Jacksons of Saintfield hardware and health stores**

**Kirks butchers**

**The Griddle Bakery**

**Something Italian**

**Chutney Joe**

**Style Story (online [stylestoryjewellery.com](http://stylestoryjewellery.com))**

**Barn Owl Boutique (Facebook & 07877 000348)**

**Winemark**

**Tate's Treasures (collection from Hazels)**

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