



Open Letter from the Parish Council

Supporting Our Parish

Dear Residents and Visitors,

Our Parish of Kettlewell with Starbotton has always enjoyed a very strong Community bond which has added to the well-being of residents, welcomed visitors and sustained local businesses and we are proud of that tradition.

At this time, we face major challenges, as the Covid 19 virus spreads, and the Parish Council would like to pass comment and make recommendations on how we can all help during this period: -

- ❖ **Community Initiatives.** The Council is grateful that several groups, individuals and businesses have volunteered to provide Good Neighbour Schemes, additional stocks of food or other services. We therefore encourage and support these activities.
- ❖ **Keep Safe.** The Council would like to re-emphasise the current Government advice whereby we should “socially distance” especially when contacting more vulnerable persons, and “self-isolate” if we have been in close contact with a person with the virus or have recently visited a Country or area where there is a major epidemic. Similarly, more stringent hygiene makes sense such as frequently hand washing and wiping down surfaces and handles. In addition, if contacted by a volunteer or group please ensure that they are genuine before responding. Please keep up to date with the guidance that is changing daily.
- ❖ **Support Local Businesses.** Please support Local Businesses as they support you, and note that some are changing their “business model” to for instance provide more cooked food as take-aways.
- ❖ **Rumours.** Avoid passing on information which may be speculation. The Parish Council aims, where possible, to update the local Community if significant changes occur.
- ❖ **Contact.** If you have additional comments or further concerns especially regarding vulnerable residents that may be self-isolating and feel the Parish Council can help please contact our Parish Clerk Mrs Louise Close-
[Tel:07900928113](tel:07900928113)

Stay Well everyone with very best wishes
Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council
20th March 2020

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