

ERMIN WARD

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT– 2020

Covid-19 PARISH REPORT 29 - JUNE 2020

## BINS

All waste collections should now be functioning normally. However, many of you have been experiencing 'missed' and random collections in recent weeks. I shall be asking the Cabinet Member for Waste at Council about this.

## PARKING

Charges for car parks has now resumed. CDC have installed contactless parking payment with @MiPermit. Download the app before you leave home to save on data. [www.mipermit.com](http://www.mipermit.com)

Where to park in the Cotswolds: <http://orlo.uk/v8U2r>

## MOBILE COVID-19 TESTING SITE

The new location for Mobile Covid - 19 Testing is now at the Countrywide farmers site, Bourton on the water until Thursday 2 July.

Leader of GCC, Mark Hawthorn, talking about the R Value in Gloucestershire

<https://www.facebook.com/CirencesterConservatives/videos/295146898528200/>

## Discretionary Business Grants Scheme

Cotswold District Council (CDC) has made payments to 233 small and micro-businesses. A further 13 businesses have been allocated grants which the council will pay when it receives further information.

Although grants of up to £25,000 were allowable under the scheme, the limited funding available and the high number of applications in the district has meant that the council has made no payment above £10,000. The lowest grant is £1,000. On average businesses received £6,995. Grants were calculated as a percentage of lost turnover up to a maximum of £10,000 from the start of lockdown until the end of May. The government scheme is intended for very small businesses that do not qualify for other government support. Central Government allocated up to 5% of the funding given to businesses through earlier grants to be used to fund the new scheme. This has meant that the Council had £1.7 million available to fund local businesses.

## 1550 free laptops for vulnerable school children

This is an issue which is close to my heart and I have been campaigning for, so I am absolutely delighted! Thanks to a modest, local initiative, I have arranged for viable, unwanted laptops to be given to Sapperton, Birdlip and Coberley Primary schools so that children do not have to share a computer at home.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-june-2020/more-than-1550-free-laptops-and-tablets-for-vulnerable-children/>

## Countryside Climate Network

The group will campaign to ensure that the voice of rural knowledge and experience on climate action is listened to in Westminster in the face of lower budgets and funding rules which favour large urban conurbations but may have less overall carbon reduction.

The new network has been established by UK100, a network of local leaders that campaigns on climate change. The 21 councils represent 14.3 million people in total, a quarter of the population (25%) and two fifths (41%) of England by area.

## Head of Paid Service at Cotswold District Council

Nigel Adams is to retire from the Council at the end of this month. Nigel has been a dedicated public servant at CDC for the last 31 years. Christine Gore, who currently supports CDC as Executive Director for shared services group Publica, will be Interim Chief Executive during the recruitment process. That process is expected to take around six months.

## Changes to Cabinet at CDC

The size of the cabinet has been reduced from 9 members to 8. Councillor Mark Harris vacates the Cabinet.

Cllr Joe Harris: Leader of the Council

Cllr Mike Evely: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance

Cllr Rachel Coxcoo: Cabinet member for Climate Change and Forward Planning

Cllr Jenny Forde: Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing

Cllr Lisa Spivey: Cabinet member for Housing and Homelessness

Cllr Andrew Doherty: Cabinet member for the Environment, Waste and Recycling

Cllr Tony Dale: Cabinet member for the Economy and Skills

Cllr Clive Webster: Cabinet Member for Planning, Town and Parish Councils

Full details of each portfolio are available [HERE](#)

Would any landowners like school children to plant trees on their land? For free! Let me know

[https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/?fbclid=IwAR25kJDSMqwp-VyqF0gEF-G3wJ0hUKbqtY-Hhua45yg\\_3fJE4XFn3m8rbqs#.XvccILuGX7w.facebook](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/?fbclid=IwAR25kJDSMqwp-VyqF0gEF-G3wJ0hUKbqtY-Hhua45yg_3fJE4XFn3m8rbqs#.XvccILuGX7w.facebook)

COVID-19 secure guidance for employers, employees and the self employed

This document is one of a set of documents about how to work safely in different types of workplace - this may be of interest to those who are not sure if they can

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ef2889986650c12970e9b57/Keeping-workers-and-clients-safe-during-covid-19-close-contact-services-230620.pdf?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialSignIn](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ef2889986650c12970e9b57/Keeping-workers-and-clients-safe-during-covid-19-close-contact-services-230620.pdf?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)

CDC

The CDC reception and offices are closed to visitors and a lot of staff are still homeworking.