



EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS EDITION

Thurnscoe Relief Fund

UP TO £500

Grants available for local groups to access

We are sending out this emergency newsletter in response to the Coronavirus crisis that has placed severe restrictions on all our lives at this time.

Please be assured that Big Local Thurnscoe is working hard to support agencies and organisations that can provide some relief to residents, particularly those who are especially isolated or vulnerable.

We have set up an Emergency Relief Fund for groups active in Thurnscoe to access grants of up to £500, available in any single application.

All applications and payments will be handled by our colleagues at Barnsley CVS and approved by the Big Local Thurnscoe Partnership.

To apply please download and complete the form available on our Facebook page and our website and submit to; info@barnsleycvs.org.uk Please mark all emails 'Thurnscoe Relief Fund'.

Emergency Food Boxes

We are also trialling the delivery of **emergency food boxes** using a contactless delivery service.

The boxes will consist of essential household food and supplies up to the value of £15 with no option to choose the contents yourself. We are taking referrals for this service but please bear with us as we sort out glitches with supply or delivery.

We will continue to review our response and consider any new action at our weekly online meetings.

We hope that all residents are staying within the new guidelines and we very much look forward to celebrating getting back to normal later in the year.

Stay safe!

Contact Alison on alisonvint@biglocalthurnscoe.org.uk or call 07557 740330.

Information & Support for Families

Your child's school or childcare setting will be providing lots of home learning support and links to fun online courses, but here are some contacts that you may find useful if things are difficult;

Family Information Service (FIS),
call 0800 0345 340

TADS is a service for young people that are anxious and depressed or suffer from minor mental health issues, call 01226 872120

Contact Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership if you have any safeguarding concerns, call 01226 772423 or 787789 (out of hrs)

Coronavirus Key Local Contacts

NHS	www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19 or 111	Barnsley's Food Bank	0774 1414810
South Yorkshire Police	101	DIAL	01226 240273
Barnsley Council	01226 773555	Age UK	01226 776820
Barneslai Homes	01226 775555	Samaritans	116 123
Welfare Rights	01226 775577	Red Cross	0114 2427385
Citizen's Advice	0344 4111444	Yorkshire Water	0345 1242424



Sport England have announced a new campaign, 'Join the Movement' & #StayInWorkOut on social media.

The campaign is aimed at helping people to stay active at home and during their allotted outdoor daily exercise during Covid-19. You'll find activity ideas from a number of

Joe Wicks and many others, suitable for all ages and abilities at; www.sportengland.org/stayinworkout #join_the_movement

Active Dearne will be sharing these ideas, and others on their Facebook page, **Active Dearne Community Champion Goldthorpe and Thurnscoe**. *Please give them a like!*



If you need support from **The Salvation Army Goldthorpe** during this current situation, please contact them through Facebook: search for **Salvation Army Goldthorpe**.

Business Support

If you are a Barnsley-based business, employer, employee or self-employed person there is a wide range of support available on the **Enterprising Barnsley** website. You'll find all the links, resources and an online chat at; www.enterprisingbarnsley.co.uk

For local employment support, contact **Rory Garforth** at **DECV** info@decv.co.uk or **07813022087**.



B:friend are still befriending older neighbours over 65. A volunteer will phone until it's safe to visit. Neighbours who live alone and have no diagnosis of dementia can be referred by anybody, including themselves. Access the service online or contact **Jenny Pitman** on **07895 725377**, or email jenny.pitman@letsbfriend.org.uk

Church Support

Our local churches offer a range of support from online services to daily readings. Find and contact them on Facebook; **Thurnscoe St Helen's**, **Christ Church Ardsley**, **Dearne Churches Together** and **Goldthorpe Pentecostal Community Church**

INFORMATION

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emergency contact centre

We've launched a new emergency contact centre to respond to COVID-19 related emergencies for vulnerable people and families. We are coordinating and mobilising volunteers across the borough to help keep essential services operating and delivering much needed support to vulnerable people in our communities.

Individuals or families in need of support can be provided with:

- emergency food
- help to get prescription medication
- telephone befriending

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and need help, you can complete our online form available at:

barnsley.gov.uk/covid-19-emergency-support

If you have no internet access, you can call **01226 774444** or freephone **0300 303 1950**.

**the contact centre is not
for general enquiries**

The contact centre is not for general enquiries, it is to provide emergency help to those who need it. For general information about coronavirus disruption and support, please visit

barnsley.gov.uk/coronavirus.



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