

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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- **Please contact us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents - email [pacdg@icloud.com](mailto:pacdg@icloud.com)**
- **and if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.**

**...from County Cllr Beverley Baynham's Facebook page.**

I have just received the following from the Portfolio Holder for Highways:

*"I understand the cones have been stacked up and we will remove them shortly. We are happy to withdraw from 'the street scene' for now as we are still mindful that this is Welsh Government and Public Health Wales guidance. We will keep the door open Beverley for our lead officer and Presteigne Town Council to meet and discuss a way forward if appropriate to do so but at the same time we must be satisfied that businesses can operate in a safe environment for both staff and residents."*

It's such a shame that Welsh Government gave everyone 2 days notice to re-open non-essential shops and Powys rushed into what they thought was a good idea. They really did think they were helping but as always Presteigne had everything under control with volunteers. I, along with the Town Council, will work with the officer assigned to Presteigne in the next week or so to see if there are some improvements that can be made.

I appreciate many people were upset about the situation and are quite entitled to have a good moan on social media, to me etc, but I must just say I am embarrassed by the one or two people that were so hostile to some of the Council Highways staff that the Police had to be called. Perhaps you could identify yourself personally to the staff members and apologise. I can only assume they were having a bad day!

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me with various suggestions I shall take them forward and we can discuss in due course.

Finally lets move on!

Please continue to support our local shops (now you can nip in after parking on the high street) and remember to stay safe. We have a wonderful community spirit and the volunteers have been fantastic as have most people. So let's move forward.

Thank you all and I can only apologise for drama.

**(ed.) Please note that our Town Council have a special Zoom meeting next week Wednesday 8th July at which this subject is the prime item for discussion !! Members of the public may join the meeting to listen under the normal rules. See the Town website tomorrow for meeting details. If anyone would like to type a few words of their thoughts about the High St, reduced parking etc. then please do send via email to Tracey Price, Town Clerk, [presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com](mailto:presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com) well in advance of the meeting. All comments from residents and visitors are welcomed and will also be collated for Bev to present to Powys CC. Any emails already sent to the Community News on this subject have already been forwarded to Beverley and the Town Clerk.**

**...the latest issue of the Parish eMagazine (edited by Roger Curtis) has just been issued.**

If you do not receive it directly from Roger and would like to be added to the distribution list, email [standrewsintray@btinternet.com](mailto:standrewsintray@btinternet.com). Copy/artwork deadline for the August issue is Wednesday 22nd July.

**...from George on Presteigne Life.** Mrs Peggy Stephens passed away at Llandrindod wells hospital on Saturday 20th June, aged 84. A private family funeral will take place on Monday 6th July at Hereford Crematorium. Peggy's final journey will start at Lugg View at 11.35am and proceed along Hereford Street, Station Road and South along the bypass towards Corton. Those wishing to say goodbye to Peggy, please socially distance along the bypass. Linda & Andrew would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind messages at this sad time.

## **UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET**

**(things keep changing so, best first check information on websites or Facebook pages)**

**...from Leon's Food to Order.** Hi everyone - Leon's Food to Order is back and available to order online. Just go to [www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com](http://www.thesaltydogpresteigne.com) , look for the link on the right and click to take you to the Order Form. Thank you. Best wishes. Leon & Ross

**...from The Workhouse.** Good morning! We are open and can't wait to see you soon! Our new schedule from today is Wednesday - Saturday 10am-4pm. Today's takeaway menu: Our lovely coffee, tea and soft drinks - plus: Chocolate cake, Lemon Drizzle cake, Ginger cake, Macaroons, and a Toasted Tea cakes....rumours of soup on the menu tomorrow!

...from MidCounties Co-op. Next time you're in one of our The Midcounties Co-operative Food stores, look out for empty boxes with 'Fill me' stickers on them. We're inviting members, colleagues and customers to support their local food banks by filling them with their unwanted grocery items, particularly due to any excess purchases people may have made during the pandemic. Don't forget, you can still donate to our Food Bank Fund: [bit.ly/315cqO9](https://bit.ly/315cqO9)

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from Presteigne Freegle.** Did you know ? Just 12 big brands are responsible for OVER HALF of the UK's plastic and packaging pollution. Big Brands need to act now to end their polluting ways and actually start REDUCING the amount of plastic they put into the system. Read the full story and more in the #ReturnToOffender Express <https://bit.ly/2Vnry6>

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