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## Thank you to those who have helped during coronavirus

Westbourne Parish Council would like to thank shops and services, community groups, organisations and volunteers who have helped local people in need during the coronavirus outbreak.

Cllr Richard Hitchcock, Chair of the Parish Council, said: "A big thank you goes to everyone who has helped others - your contribution in recent months has been exceptional. We would particularly like to thank Westbourne Help who set up a valuable resource of volunteers at short notice during a period of much uncertainty. In total, they pulled together a volunteer base of 118 residents and responded to 112 requests for assistance from 53 households in the Parish and immediate area. Local businesses and organisations who have managed to provide much needed services to others during this period are also to be commended.

"Westbourne Help has now closed and information about who to contact if assistance is required can be found [here](#).

"The Parish Council has continued to operate as normal thanks to changes in national legislation which has given us the ability to hold virtual meetings online. Agendas and minutes are published on our website at [www.westbourne-pc.gov.uk](http://www.westbourne-pc.gov.uk) and in the noticeboards in The Square".



## Playgrounds re-open

The Parish Council's two playgrounds at Mill Road and Monk's Hill have been re-opened following new guidance from the government. Advice to residents using the play and exercise equipment has been issued to help residents stay safe. [Read more.](#)

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## New exercise equipment

The Parish Council has installed three new items of outdoor exercise equipment at The Common on Monk's Hill, including a pull and press bar, a step up ladder and a paired-dip bar. New play equipment will be installed in the play area later in the summer. [Read more.](#)

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## New trees proposed

New trees are proposed for the wide verges of Churcher, Homefield and Edgell Roads in Westbourne using funding from Chichester District Council. The Parish Council's plans involve planting 15 small decorative trees on the verges to help the environment by providing a habitat for wildlife and contributing towards cleaner air, as well as improving the visual impact of area. [Read more.](#)

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## Interpretation board proposed

The Parish Council would like to install an interpretation board at The Common on Monk's Hill using funding available from Chichester District Council. The photograph shows an example of what the board could look like. Please show your support for the project. [Read more.](#)

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## VE Day 75

The Parish Council has commissioned a commemorative bench to mark this special occasion with support from Chichester District Council. Please let us know where you would like the bench to be located in the Parish. [Read more.](#)

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## Highways matters

The Parish Council continues to work with West Sussex County Council to address highways issues in the Parish. Recently we have been lobbying to lower the speed limit to 30mph on Sheepwash Lane in Aldsworth. We plan to install our mobile speed indicator devices, currently on Foxbury Lane and North Street, to help monitor the speed of passing traffic and provide evidence to show the need for a lower speed limit. The Community Speed Watch group has not been able to operate during the coronavirus lockdown but hopes to be out monitoring the speed of traffic on our roads soon. Please get in touch if you would be interested in helping. [Read more.](#)

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## Join the Parish Council

The Parish Council has two vacancies and we would welcome applications from residents to become a parish councillor. A full complement of councillors would enable the Parish Council to better perform its duties and functions to the Parish. It is responsible for two recreation grounds, supports with local highways issues and traffic calming measures, has a Business Plan which sets out ambitious projects to improve village services and is a statutory consultee to local planning applications, amongst much more. [Read more.](#)



## Community Initiative Fund

West Sussex County Council provides assistance to local community projects that aim to make a positive impact on people's wellbeing and support. Find out how you can apply for funding for your community initiative. [Read more.](#)

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