

Establishing the Painswick Covid 19 Support Group is the largest project undertaken in recent times jointly between the council, our staff and the Community. The response has been outstanding - **THANK YOU ALL.**

Within days leaflets and posters were distributed, a website and facebook group were set up and the group enlisted numerous volunteers. The core team put together a battle box so they can take calls/emails and match requests with a suitable volunteer in their respective areas and supply the necessary support. We know that many more people are being helped by friends and neighbours and that the role of the Support Group was to fill any gaps in those local actions.

As a team at the Council we could not be more pleased with all the help and support offered from the community and the speed with which we were able to put this together by working together.

Sadly we know that things are likely to get worse before they get better and that many of the volunteers may have to restrict their ability to help. The Support Group will be looking at how we raise issues to District and County support groups and to other professional organisations should the need arise.

It is of course critical that all of us, including volunteers, adhere to the government advice regarding social distancing and self isolating where necessary.

I have refrained from mentioning specific individuals but am fully aware that there are many heroes in our villages at this time and offer my deepest gratitude to you for all you are doing to help keep this community, especially the vulnerable, safe well and cared for.

Please continue to follow government guidelines and stay safe.

Martin Slinger

Chairman of Painswick Parish Council