



HBC to lead community response with support, services and supplies

Havant Borough Council is answering the government's call for councils to co-ordinate efforts to support local people affected by coronavirus.

Havant Borough Council is working alongside voluntary organisations to manage the response in the community and make sure that support, services and supplies reach everyone that needs them.

Cllr Michael Wilson, HBC Leader, said: "We are all facing challenges of the like we have never seen before, and we must all pull together to make sure that the most vulnerable people in our society get the support they need.

"Havant Borough Council will be stepping forward to co-ordinate the local response to coronavirus across the borough.

"We will be working alongside our partners to make sure the residents who are ill, isolated or unable to look after themselves get the support they need to get through this difficult time."

HBC is working in partnership with organisations such as Community First, Citizens Advice and local Primary Care Networks to keep residents safe and well.

HBC Chief Executive, Gill Kneller, said: "This is a challenging time and residents are relying on us to deliver the services they need.

"It may be that some of our staff are redeployed from their traditional roles to assist in this community support work.

"There are still many questions to answer but I can assure residents that we will do all we can to help the people most affected by coronavirus."

Community First is co-ordinating volunteers who will make sure all our vulnerable residents are contacted and have what they need through this time.

If you are worried about how you'll cope during the crisis, or if you have a relative who is vulnerable, please contact Community First on support@cfirst.org.uk.

Anyone willing to volunteer for the community effort can also do so through www.volunteerwessex.org.

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Notes to editors

Havant Citizen's Advice will continue to offer face-to-face assistance for as long as possible at one location - Leigh Park Community Centre.

Contact 0344 4111306 for advice or go to <https://www.citizensadvicehavant.org/>

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