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BUSINESS "NET-WALKING"

PROMOTING BUSINESSES AND MENTAL HEALTH

Small businesses are really struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic. Lack of networking opportunities and uncertainty affect not only the viability of many businesses but also the mental health of their owners. How can we start to solve these interlocking issues?

Following on from **Tom Piotrowski's** idea to create a Facebook group that connects local businesses with each other, St Peter's resident and local business owner **Gwion Humphreys** has stepped forward with an idea, when covid rules allow, for a series of local walks that will enable local Battenhall & St Peter's residents to get some exercise, meet new people and at the same time enable business to business networking to increase. Gwion is owner and lead trainer of Real Effective First Aid Training.



Tom: "Local businesses need our support."

In Covid tiers 1 to 3 it was possible for up to 30 people to meet outside as part of an organised group. Covid rules and local conditions change quickly so it is important that we are ready for the end of lockdown with a booking system. If you would like to register an interest in a future event please let Tom know by either email Tom@TomPiotrowski.co.uk or by text to 0757 242 4543.

BE OUR EYES AND EARS

During the Coronavirus pandemic it has neither been possible to physically meet residents on the door step nor to deliver paper copies of our community newsletter. Louis & Tom have been doing the next best thing by **calling as many residents as possible** on the phone and delivering Battenhall News by email and Facebook instead of paper.



Cllr Louis Stephen: "How can I help you?"

Tom said, "It's not as easy or justifiable for us to be out as much as we would like so we are appealing to local people to **let us know what issues need dealing with** on their street. We normally see things like potholes, blocked drains, street lights that aren't working as well as litter and fly tipping when we are out and about meeting residents.

We need you to let us know if you see any **concerning issues** where you live. Please give us location information (e.g. which house, street light number the issue is near) and it helps if you can **send us photos of the problem**."

STRUGGLING WITH LONELINESS, WELLBEING OR MENTAL HEALTH?



The coronavirus outbreak is having an impact on everyone's daily lives. In these challenging and unprecedented times, **it's normal to experience increased levels of stress, anxiety, low mood or depression**. But don't worry it's common and **you're not alone.**

During this time, you may be bored, frustrated or lonely. Sources of help:

SAMARITANS — For mental health support call **116 123** (available 24 hrs, 365 days a year)

WEST MERCIA WOMEN'S AID — Support for women suffering domestic abuse: **0800 980 3331** (available 24 hrs, 365 days a year)

Respect Men's advice line — Support for men suffering domestic abuse: **0808 801 0327** (Monday to Friday 9.00 to 5.00

NHS — Excellent online self-help resources: www.hacw.nhs.uk/coronavirus-and-mental-wellbeing/

HERE 2 HELP WORCESTERSHIRE — Trusted support from the County Council: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help **01905 768053** then press option 3

West Mercia POLICE — In an emergency dial **999** and ask for police. If you are not safe to speak - call 999 and then press **55**

CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you have a comment or query about our area, Louis and Tom would love to know. Here are the ways you can get in touch:



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LOUIS & TOM: WORKING HARD FOR BATTENHALL ALL YEAR ROUND

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