



Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2020

WILDMOOR OAK FIGHTING HUNGER AND FOOD WASTE

The Wildmoor Oak pub restaurant is helping to provide free healthy meals for vulnerable people in the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Like many restaurant owners, Chef Lorenzo Richards from The Wildmoor Oak had to look at new ways to maintain an income when he had to temporarily close his premises to the public in March. He set up a take-away service for customers, available Wednesday – Sunday, but also wanted to do something to help those struggling during lockdown.

Lorenzo seized on an initiative to recycle food from supermarkets and warehouses that would otherwise be destroyed. Donating his time and passion for cooking, Lorenzo heads a team of around five staff volunteers who turn the raw ingredients in to a variety of healthy dishes – including



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vegetarian and vegan options. Dishes have included pasta bakes, fish in sauce and curries. Over 300 meals are produced every Tuesday in the kitchen at The Wildmoor Oak.

Lorenzo is working in partnership with FoodCycle in Longbridge, a national charity established in 2009, with a vision for a society where no one is hungry or lonely. FoodCycle provides the ingredients and then collects the prepared meals each Wednesday from The Wildmoor Oak. The meals are distributed to anyone in need, such as low-income families, asylum seekers and refugees, the elderly, and people dealing with mental health issues. Lorenzo's food has also been enjoyed by staff at West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Jody Beswick from FoodCycle said: "We would like to express a huge thank you for the effort Lorenzo and his team put in to support us with our food parcel service. Many people delay ordering their parcels as they are now aware that Wednesday and Thursday are 'Lorenzo food day' and we actually see an increase for parcels on these days. The volunteers get a buzz when the food arrives at our hub as they are eager to see what Lorenzo's team have prepared. The Wildmoor Oak is bringing a bit of happiness to the people we try to help in these challenging times."

Chef Lorenzo said: "We are proud to be able to make use of our restaurant facilities and culinary skills to help others who are struggling during the pandemic. Every year almost 2 million tonnes of surplus food is wasted by the UK food industry! This initiative helps stop this massive waste of food whilst having a positive impact on the local area by helping those in need."

For more information visit facebook.com/wildmooroak

Embankment Fire - Wildmoor Lane

Friday 29th May at 1:42pm, an appliance from Bromsgrove Fire Station attended an embankment fire on Wildmoor Lane. The fire was extinguished using hose reel jet and the area checked for hotspots using thermal imaging camera.

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Crossing Yew Tree Lane

Due to there being no dropped kerb, the elderly and people with mobility aids have found it difficult to cross Yew Tree Lane at the junction with Stourbridge Road, requiring these pedestrians to cross Stourbridge Road, twice if they wish to get back onto the original side of the road. The Community Association and the Parish Council, over several years, have asked for a dropped kerb to be installed.

In the County Councillor report of May 2020, Cllr. Webb writes: "There is very limited visibility when crossing Yew Tree Lane from the direction of number 25 Stourbridge Road. The whole idea of a dropped kerb would be to accommodate the likes of a mobility buggy, bearing in mind that the occupant would be seated up to 800mm from the front of the buggy they would have to drive onto the road before they could see around the corner, which could result in them being hit by an oncoming vehicle. For this reason the specialist team have drawn up a scheme that crosses the Stourbridge Road. The cost of such a scheme will be in the region of £10,000."

The Community Association in a response dated 15th May wrote "Considering that traffic surveys in 2016, 2017 & 2018, taken adjacent to 24 Stourbridge Road, record vehicles driving in excess of 40mph, between the hours of 7am and 7pm, with some vehicles driving at speeds in excess of 50 & 60mph, such a proposal does raise eyebrows. We would not want to put someone at unnecessary risk crossing such a fast road.". The Community Association asked for sight of the proposal and requested "sight of the proposals and that a consultation takes place with the community and local equality access groups.". The Community Association are "very concerned that any proposal to make individuals cross the Stourbridge Road will mean that they will have to cross Stourbridge Road twice to get back to the side of the road for the Post Office etc instead of just crossing Yew Tree Lane once. We are quite certain that it would be very much safer for a mobility scooter to cross Yew Tree Lane once than cross Stourbridge Road twice. We are happy to discuss local proposals, which would need local consultation."

Statement from Chief Constable Anthony Bangham

“We appreciate the support that the communities across West Mercia have shown during the Covid-19 lockdown, with most people abiding by the guidance and staying at home to minimise the spread of infection, requiring us to take very minimal enforcement action.

“Now we are able to spend more time outdoors, there is opportunity to see friends and family on a one to one basis. Each of us needs to take responsibility for doing so sensibly, safely and within the parameters set out by the Government. I am confident that the vast majority of our communities will continue to play their part and take sensible steps to keep themselves and others safe.

“We will continue to engage with the public, explaining and encouraging people in relation to the guidance and social distancing, and we will only take enforcement action where it is absolutely necessary - when there are clear breaches of the restrictions, predominantly people gathering in large groups.

“We are fortunate to have some beautiful places within our counties, and many people will be glad they now have the option to make the most of them over the coming weeks. If you travel somewhere and it's busy, please be sensible and go elsewhere or return at a different time. Keep in mind the purpose of the regulations and the ongoing national effort to protect the NHS and save lives.

“In West Mercia we police the borders with Wales, where the legislation and guidance differ to those in England. We are aware of the challenges and sensitivities this will create, and we are working with our Welsh colleagues to provide clarity and support those affected.

“Please be responsible and continue to work with us. We all still find ourselves in very challenging circumstances and we appreciate that the public has responded so positively to the extraordinary restrictions placed upon them. Remember that if you need our help we are here for you. Thank you for your continued support.”

Lockdown Unlocks Community Spirit

Across Fairfield Wildmoor & Stoneybridge, residents have been supporting each other during the current Coronavirus crisis, with contact telephone calls, shopping for the vulnerable and feel good activities.

During the lockdown, residents took part in a Candle for Hope and have displayed rainbows and teddies in their windows, which have raised a smile for people undertaking their daily exercise. Every Thursday, residents stood outside their homes as part of Clap For Our Carers, applauding key workers who are providing essential services during the Coronavirus crisis, including personnel involved in food production, distribution & retail, postal and delivery services, communications & energy supply, refuse collection, emergency services & healthcare and more.

St. George's Day was marked with flag flying and in conjunction with friends in neighbouring Bournheath there have been weekly challenges, including creating a Garden on a Plate, poetry and story writing.

The Community Association has kept residents up to date with local news (Facebook, Twitter and e-Circular), which has helped reduce the distance that people are feeling, and over the fence conversations are also keeping people connected. You can subscribe to e-Circulars by filling in the newsletter subscription box on the village website www.fvca.org.uk.

Lockdown may have prevented social activities at the Village Hall, and the reels are not rolling at Fairfield Flicks (www.fairfieldflicks.org.uk), but when restrictions permit, and it is safe to do so, films on the way include Little Women, Knives Out and The Personal History Of David Copperfield.

Keep Our Community Tidy

Please litter pick outside your property and if you feel adventurous tackle further down the road and the ditches either side of it. If you would like to borrow a litter picking stick email admin@fvca.org.uk

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Dead Cow Averted - Balloon Found in Fairfield Livestock Field



Please do not release rubber or foil balloons, they can land in fields & get eaten by livestock or bale wrapped with silage or hay. Livestock don't know that eating the balloon is bad, but if ingested they choke to death.

What's On in Fairfield

When it is permissible and safe, activities will gradually resume in Fairfield that follow Government guidance. Please follow the Fairfield Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/fairfieldinformation) and Twitter Feed (@Fairfield_Info) for up to date announcements.

We look forward to seeing you and continuing the friendship that has grown stronger during the lockdown.

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Village Hall

At the time of writing, the Government had not set a date for the reopening of Community Centres. The Village Hall trustees, in preparation for the Village Hall's reopening and to maintain social distancing, have published the following rules for using our Hall (except Preschool who have their own strict protocols):

- People not from the same household to keep two metres apart;
- Only one person is allowed into each of the toilets, cloakroom and kitchen;
- The kitchen cannot be used to prepare or serve food or refreshments;
- Please follow Government guidance regarding hand washing;
- We encourage people to wear face masks when in the building;
- A hand sanitisation unit can be found in the foyer;
- Whilst we have good weather, to leave doors open;
- Surfaces, light switches and door handles to be disinfected (there are some wipes) at the start and finish of each hall use.

Further rules may be introduced as further Government guidance becomes available.

The Fairfield Cafe Reopened

- Please preorder for collection wherever possible (tel: 01527 435019).
- Payment can be made contactless on collection/over the phone at time of order & we will accept cash if necessary.
- We share our premises with the Post Office and are limited to how many can enter, please don't enter if 2 people are inside at any one time. You will be asked to wait outside.
- Do not wear gloves into the Cafe, we have hand washing facilities for customers which is much more effective.

Thank you for your understanding. See you soon, Kelly

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Don't Be Isolated - Get Support

If you need any help or advice during this unusual and potentially difficult time, Support Bromsgrove are here for you.

As a partnership of voluntary, community and public sector organisations, which includes Fairfield Village Community Association, they can assist in getting the help you need. Go to www.supportbromsgrove.com for more information or telephone 01527 306 490. Email bromsgrovecs@gmail.com



The image shows a promotional banner for 'Support Bromsgrove' and a screenshot of their website. The banner has an orange background with the text 'SUPPORT BROMSGROVE' in white and black. Below this, it asks 'During the Coronavirus crisis... Do you need help or advice? Can you volunteer?'. The website screenshot shows a dark background with a map of Bromsgrove. It features the same 'SUPPORT BROMSGROVE' logo, navigation links like 'HOME', 'GET HELP', 'HELP OTHERS', and 'OUR PARTNERS', and a section titled 'How can we help?' with buttons for 'I NEED HELP OR ADVICE' and 'I WANT TO HELP'. A large white hand cursor icon is pointing at the website.

Visit **supportbromsgrove.com**
and follow the links you need.

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Support Bromsgrove is a partnership of Voluntary, Community & Public Sector groups across Bromsgrove District coming together to help those struggling with the Coronavirus outbreak

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Worcestershire Walks

Have a look at Walking in Worcestershire website, <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/worcestershire> that has hundreds of FREE walks to download and print, plus details of walking clubs in the country and loads more information.

Appeal from Farmers and Wildlife Groups - STOP Dumping Grass Cuttings & Other Garden Waste in Fields and Hedges

Dumping your garden waste in hedgerows counts as fly tipping and is illegal.

Just because it may eventually compost down, does not make dumping acceptable or permissible.

Your garden waste can harm livestock and prevent the growth of Hedgerow plants.

Grass cuttings dumped in hedges, spill on to neighbouring footpaths, narrowing and making it dangerous for people that are elderly or have mobility issues.

Please use a the District Council's "brown bin" collection service or use a composter.

Speed Enforcement

After a break, mobile speed enforcement recommenced on 22nd May, with many vehicles recorded driving at speeds in excess of 40mph (one at 48mph) through the village. Further speed enforcement will be taking place over the coming weeks and months, which will include from the new hard standing area laid south of the mini-island.

Don't Let Thieves Spoil Your Summer

Never leave a shed unlocked and unattended or leave tools and other property lying around for an opportunist thief to steal.

Ensure all your tools, bicycles etc are security marked - FREE SmartWater Property Marking kits are available from the Community Association for residents of Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge, email admin@fvca.org.uk or pop along to a FVCA event.

Honour Someone That Has Supported Others During The Coronavirus Crisis

Do you know someone that deserves a national honour for their contribution to the response to the coronavirus crisis?

To nominate someone visit: COVID-19 honours nomination form - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-honours-nomination-form>

Full Fibre - To Your Door

Over the past few months work has been taking place to deliver superfast broadband to properties in Fairfield (with an 01527 code). Currently there is fibre to the cabinet on Stourbridge Road (Mount Rd junction) and then copper to properties.

Contractor for BT Openreach have been feeding rope through the underground network from the cabinet. Later this year it is hoped that this rope will pull through the fibre to the telegraph poles across the village. Residents will then be approached with regard replacing the copper wiring between the telegraph pole and their property with a fibre connection.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE?

It's a proven fact that spending time outside in nature can improve our mental health and how we feel. But it's also important to remember that the countryside is also our farmers' workplace.

Be sure to enjoy the outdoors safely and follow the countryside code. Keeping to the footpath, cleaning up after your dog, and leaving gates as you find them can all play a part in keeping everyone safe.



- Respect other people
- Slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room. By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways.
- Keep out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer.
- Don't block gateways, driveways or paths with your vehicle.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Follow pathways unless wider access is available.
- Leave machinery and farm animals alone. If you're worried about something, try to alert the farmer.

- Stay at least 2m away from other people who are not in your household.
- Leave no trace – take your litter home. Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals.
- Put it out. Fires can be as devastating to wildlife and habitats as they are to people and property. Be careful with naked flames and cigarettes, and make sure they're extinguished properly. Don't have barbeques or fires.
- Keep your dog on a lead around livestock. Ensure your dog does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under control and on a lead. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner.
- Bag it, Bin it. Dog mess isn't just unpleasant, it can also cause infections and be harmful to wildlife and farm animals. Be a responsible dog owner and be sure to pick up after your dog and put the bag in a bin. Any rubbish bin will do.
- Don't dump your garden waste. Grass cuttings and clippings from shrubs and hedges should never be thrown over the hedge into fields where cattle and sheep graze. These clippings – including yew, rhododendrons, aconite, boxwood, lupins, laurel, laburnum – can be poisonous if consumed by livestock. If in any doubt, it is a safe rule to regard all garden trimmings as unsafe for farm animals - instead make use of the recycling bins or local disposal sites.
- Wash your hands. Always wash your hands when you get home.

Record number of homes sign up to We Don't Buy Crime

A record number of homes and businesses are better protected from would be thieves as almost 20,000 sign up to We Don't Buy Crime in 12 months. Between April 2019 and April 2020 18,643 SmartWater forensic property marking kits were registered across the cities, towns and villages covered by West Mercia Police.



In 2015, the first ever We Don't Buy Crime town was launched in Cleobury Mortimer.

The initiative saw every resident in the town offered a free SmartWater kit after an investment by Cleobury Mortimer Town Council and West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion.

Five years later, there are now hundreds of We Don't Buy Crime areas across Telford, Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire with signs at key locations sending a clear message to criminals.

Earlier this year We Don't Buy Crime won a national award for its work to reduce demand and prevent crime in partnership with local communities and continues to go from strength to strength, utilising innovative and effective crime prevention.

In the past 12 months We Don't Buy Crime co-ordinator Estelle Stock, along with the We Don't Buy Crime team supported by volunteers from local communities, town and parish councils, West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and local safer neighbourhood teams, has worked tirelessly to increase the number of homes and businesses protected, leading to the record number of homes signing up in just 12 months.

The record increase takes the number of SmartWater registrations across the West Mercia Police area to more than 54,000.

Chief Superintendent Tom Harding has been behind We Don't Buy Crime since its first launch.

He said: "I'm absolutely delighted at the dedication of the We Don't Buy Crime team with everyone working to ensure as many homes and businesses as possible are protected.

"Independent academic research has found that there is a significant reduction in crime in We Don't Buy Crime areas and just as importantly residents feel safer and more reassured."

We Don't Buy Crime, which looks to tackle acquisitive crime and associated harm, also works with second-hand stores to help prevent the resale of stolen goods and fuel stations to prevent motorists driving off without paying for fuel, those who do are often involved in wider criminality with staff working with police to spot those who may be criminally exploiting vulnerable people. The award winning initiative also utilises the latest in covert technology leaving criminals exposed and catching them committing crime.

Ch Supt Harding added: "Being a victim of a crime such as burglary can have a significant impact on victims, often leaving them to feel unsafe in their own home. With all of our measures we are seeking to increase the risk to criminals that they will be caught. Quite simply I want our work to put criminals out of business and make our communities safer."

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: "It is amazing to see the record number that have signed up to We Don't Buy Crime, and just how many homes and businesses are now SmartWater protected as a result of my investment, and the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. My central mission as Commissioner has always been to prevent people from becoming victims of crime and protect those that are vulnerable. It is right that people feel safe and secure in their homes and place of work, and SmartWater is a proven deterrent against burglary and acquisitive crime.

“Since its introduction We Don’t Buy Crime has seen some great success stories from communities all across West Mercia, and I want to ensure we continue this great work and reach as many people as possible.”

For more information about We Don’t Buy Crime follow @WeDontBuyCrime on Twitter or visit the We Don’t Buy Crime Facebook page.

FREE SmartWater Property Marking kits, for residents of Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge, can be obtained from FVCA, email admin@fvca.org.uk

Reporting Suspicious Activity

All incidents of suspicious activity are to be reported to West Mercia Police who will coordinate intelligence, telephone 101 or online <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/> (select the option ‘something else’). This is usually recently observed activity, unless there is an investigation into a crime that has been committed.

To help facilitate local intelligence, and if safe to do so, share observations with your local verified Neighbourhood Watch Group, e.g. Fairfield Village Community Association (<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>) who will:

1. Keep a record so that issues can be discussed with the local Safer Neighbourhood [Policing] Team (SNT),
2. Share relevant information with the community to raise awareness and seek further information. Information that is shared follows recognised guidelines.

Be aware of telephone fraudsters claiming to be from the banks

West Mercia Police are urging the public to be on their guard and to trust their instincts after fraudsters claiming to be from Lloyds Bank Fraud Department conned one victim out of thousands of pounds (24 April).

As with most criminals and especially fraudsters, the people are cowards and they target the vulnerable and the elderly, as in this case.

These scams are very elaborate and very cruel. These are very clever and very convincing criminals who pretend with confidence that they are from the police, your internet service provider, government and in this case, your bank. They are able to obtain your personal details and enough information, before calling you and without you realising, to convince you they are legitimate. They are not.

Typical telephone bank fraud to be aware of –

- Email or text received containing a link purporting to be a service provider, such as internet, mobile phone etc.
- Victim clicks the link and goes through to a website, which appears legitimate
- Victim enters details onto web page as per the instructions. Fraudsters are able to see what is written on the page by using screen mirroring techniques
- Fraudsters conduct research on the victim from details already obtained, including email address, bank details etc... this can be done on social media
- Calls are then made to the victim, questioning a suspicious transaction which has not happened and suggesting the account may be compromised.
- Fraudster uses information given to build trust with the victim, this will be the information obtained during their research
- Fraudster then gives instructions for how to cancel the alleged fraudulent activity, when in fact, they are transferring the money to a different account, under the fraudsters control

We would ask the public to talk to elderly relatives or neighbours and to tell them what to be aware of. Remind them that no legitimate bank, building society, police officer, or business will ever phone you to ask you to give them your card, your PIN, or transfer your cash.”

If you get a phone call like the ones described, hang up immediately - do not provide any personal details or hand anything over. Ensure the line has cleared before dialling out, use another phone if necessary and report to 101 or Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040.

If you need some support from your bank or building society, go to your local branch or phone them on the correct number in your statement (not one a mystery caller gives you, as this is likely to be part of the scam).

Important note

If the crime is still in progress, because for example, you have recently provided bank details or handed over cards or cash, or the caller has arranged for someone to visit your address to collect items, then you should call the police to report this on 101. In an emergency dial 999.

Crime prevention can found on the West Mercia Police website, for further details please visit the Crime & Safety section <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/personal-fraud/door-to-door-courier-fraud/>

Farms: Signage and Crime Reduction

Farms can obtain "Keep Dogs on Lead" signs and other supporting equipment from West Mercia Police by contacting the Rural Crime & Business Support Officer (North Worcestershire), Natalie Lowe, email: natalie.lowe@westmercia.pnn.police.uk tel: 01562 826016.

Fairfield Village Community Association has been in touch with Natalie, she has said that she can also assist with crime reduction issues and is willing to meet farmers to discuss what additional support the police could provide.

Bromsgrove Standard

You can now get your FREE Bromsgrove Standard newspaper from these supermarkets -

- Asda Bromsgrove
- Co-OP - Gibbs Lane, Catshill, Gilbert Road Charford, Stoke Road, Aston Fields, New Road, Rubery
- Morrisons, Bromsgrove and Rubery

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Can Age UK help?

They are currently looking at ways to re-establish all of their At Home services (including our Sitting/ Respite service) in line with the latest Government advice. If you know anybody in North Worcestershire that might need an extra hand to make life easier, then please visit <https://ageuk.org.uk/brwf/our-services/help-at-home/> or call the At Home team on 01527 87184.

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- 🏠 Are you 50+?
- 🏠 Do you need an extra hand to make life easier?
- 🏠 We offer a flexible service working around your needs*

**This is a chargeable (non-profit making) service operating across North Worcestershire*

Free Information and Advice

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Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is an issue that is often raised with the Community Association, and we keep asking that people pick up their dog's mess from the footpath, verge, farmland and other people's gardens.

Dog excrement, in addition to it being messy and smelly, can carry bacteria and worms that can be harmful to humans and livestock.

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When it comes to the law relating to dog fouling, ignorance is NOT bliss.

Dog fouling in public places is included in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, introduced in 2014.

Public places covered by the law include:

- roads, pavements and public footpaths
- parks and green spaces
- town centres and shopping precincts
- car parks
- playing fields, playgrounds and school grounds

Dog fouling can be reported to Bromsgrove District Council <https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/my-place/street-cleaning/litter-and-street-cleaning.aspx> . The penalty for not clearing up dog fouling can be up to £1,000 if taken to court, but there is also provision for a fixed penalty scheme.

Exceptions to the offence are:

- The person in charge of the dog has a reasonable excuse for not clearing up. (Being unaware of the fouling or not having the means to clean up is not an excuse.)
- The owner or occupier of the land has consented to the faeces being left
- The person puts the faeces in a bin on the land
- The person in charge of the dog has a registered visual impairment

There are some areas where picking up is not a legal requirement (unless a specific order or bylaw has been placed), and these are heathland, woodland, land used for the grazing of animals. However, farmers/landowners can seek a private prosecution, using a relevant piece of legislation. Remember, excrement in the grass and feed can kill livestock, abort unborn lambs & calves and can end up on the food that you eat.

Suspicious email reporting tool available



The suspicious email reporting tool report@phishing.gov.uk launched by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has already received 2,264 reports. This has led to 50 phishing sites being removed.

Cyber criminals love phishing. Unfortunately, this is not a harmless riverbank pursuit. When criminals go phishing, you are the fish and the bait is usually contained in a scam email or text message.

The criminal's goal is to convince you to click on the links within their scam email or text message, or to give away sensitive information (such as bank details).

These messages may look like the real thing but are malicious. Once clicked, you may be sent to a dodgy website which could download viruses onto your computer, or steal your passwords.

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Have you spotted a suspicious email?

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) report@phishing.gov.uk
Stay Safe. Stay Connected. Stay Cyber Aware

For further information to stay cyber safe please go to:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/report-suspicious-emails>

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-ncsc/what-is-cyber-security>

Online Local Radio for Bromsgrove

Coming soon for Bromsgrove and the surrounding area, ultra local online radio.
<http://brmgradio.co.uk>

Currently playing non-stop music as Festival Broadcasting, the radio station will soon be rebranded as BRMG, broadcasting local community news, as well as music. The station's music policy will be totally different to most other stations in that they handpick the music & hopefully play a lot of gems that hardly ever get played on radio today, plus showcasing local talent.

NHS test and trace - fraud awareness

If NHS Test and Trace calls you by phone, the service will be using a single phone number 0300 0135 000. The only website the service will ask you to visit is <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> .

Contact tracers will never:

- Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087)
- Ask you to make any form of payment

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- Ask for any details about your bank account
- Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts
- Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone
- Ask you to purchase a product
- Ask you to download any software to your device or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet
- Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the Government or NHS

If you think you have been subjected to, or a victim of, a scam or attempted fraud using Track and Trace or any other fraud please call 101 or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm dial 999 now.

Community Association Seeks Admin Support

Your Community Association seeks someone to take the minutes (basically a few notes) at the Association's committee meetings.

There are usually around five meetings a year (held in the pub) plus an AGM at the Village Hall.

Meetings are relaxed and friendly, where members share their views, concerns and ideas that helps enhance the area where we live.

Interested? Email chair@fvca.org.uk

It's More Than A Café

In addition to selling take-away meals, Fairfield Cafe stocks Milk, Bread (loaves & rolls), Fruitfields Apple Juice, Fruit, Salad, Quiche and more.

Pop in and say hello to Kelly & Lydia. Please give them YOUR support.

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