



New Covid-19 Initiatives

This is your chance to tell us about any new, innovative initiatives that you and members of your Group are doing to help local residents cope with the effects of the current pandemic and lockdown.



Providing Help, Hope and Food for Endon

Cllr Joe Porter, who represents Brown Edge and Endon ward on Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, got in touch about his 'Food for Endon' project, which provides bags of food to the elderly and vulnerable in the community.

In April I established a project called 'Food for Endon' to provide bags of fresh and locally sourced fruit & vegetables to elderly and vulnerable people in Endon and the surrounding villages.

Every Tuesday morning I collect the bags from Haregate Community Centre's Community Hub who kindly provide them through their local supplier. They are sold

for £3 each as a suggested donation as the Council and various local councillors have helped to subsidise the cost of the bags each week.

The bags contain eight different types of fruit & vegetables, depending on what is in season, and I deliver them in person, following social distancing rules. So far I have delivered 86 bags over the last five weeks.

I also helped to establish a network called 'Help and Hope' to spread positivity and connect people through online friendship.

The network works with the two local churches – Endon St Luke's Church and Endon Methodist Church – to provide volunteers to do weekly shopping, collect pharmacy prescriptions and a chat over the phone to those who are feeling

lonely. We also have a Facebook group called 'Surviving COVID19 – Endon', which gained over 300 members in just a few weeks and painted a rainbow of hope across our village.

If you have set up a new community group or initiative to help residents during the current pandemic, please get in touch at cca@conservatives.com to let us know!