

Aldwick Parish Council Newsletter – April 2021



Help with your census form



Census Support Service in West Sussex Libraries

If you need help filling yours in, you may like to know that West Sussex Libraries are part of the national Census Support Service. Library staff can help support residents who live in Aldwick to complete their census forms online.

As libraries are not currently open for browsing or computer use, a member of staff will help you complete the form online over the phone. Staff are all trained Census Support Advisors and to book an appointment, phone 0330 222 3455 Monday to Friday between 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Census Support Service runs for nine weeks from Monday 1 March to Sunday 9 May.

Dog Theft:



Having their dog stolen is every dog owner's nightmare. Many of you feel that penalties are too soft for this crime. The Home Secretary is reviewing the issue of pet theft, and what future enforcement may look like with potentially tougher penalties. Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne wants to hear your views. Log on to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/dogtheft>.

We're coming out – we hope!



With the end of the lockdown restrictions – hopefully – in sight, we thought we'd give you a broad outline of what should happen if the government decides conditions are right.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-roadmap-to-cautiously-ease-lockdown-restrictions> for fuller information.

29th March – Outdoor gatherings, including in private gardens, of 6 people or 2 households will be allowed. Outdoor facilities – for example tennis and basketball courts will re-open.

12th April -personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres can reopen as can indoor leisure facilities such as gyms (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups);also, most outdoor attractions including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen. Outdoor hospitality will also open so if the weather is kind, you can enjoy a pint at your local.

17th May - most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply. Indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas, the rest of the accommodation sector (including hotels, hostels and B&Bs) and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes will also open. You will be able to eat and drink in your local pub, but you must order, eat and drink while seated.

24th June – Social restrictions will be lifted and all but the most risky businesses will reopen.