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Dear Chairman and Council Members,

Supporting the Community during the Coronavirus Outbreak

As a town or parish council within the district, West Berkshire Council recognises that your organisation is well placed to assist people in the community and understand that you will continue to do so insofar as conditions will allow at this challenging time. We are grateful for your vital link with residents and identifying the needs of some of the more vulnerable residents in your communities.

In order to mobilise support for our communities over the coming months West Berkshire Council, along with the Volunteer Centre West Berkshire and Greenham Trust have created a Community Support Hub to give guidance and help coordinate organisations representing their communities. The Hub will be meeting regularly to monitor needs across the district and ensure that they are understood and met.

The Hub is the Building Communities Together Team supported by colleagues in the voluntary sector, council services and partner agencies such as Thames Valley Police and Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service working together to help respond to the community's current concerns.

We welcome and embrace the great community spirit that is springing up and it is the very ethos of being a 'Good Neighbour' which we are looking to support and further encourage.

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We also want town and parish councils to play an active role in the Community Support Hub initiative including the two-way flow of information between the community and the Hub. We will be looking to ask your councillors to play a key part in this.

If you would like to get involved with the Community Support Hub, please contact West Berkshire Council on (01635) 503579 or email westberksbct@westberks.gov.uk and leave your contact details and we will contact you and draw you into this important work.

Yours faithfully,



Lynne Doherty
Leader of the Council



Nick Carter
Chief Executive