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COMMUNITY PULLS TOGETHER TO GET THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Residents, Community Groups and councillors have all worked with our local councils throughout the coronavirus outbreak to ensure everybody can Stay Alert, Control the Virus and Save Lives

■ Since March, your local councillors have been working with the Hillmorton and Abbots Farm Community Group and officers of both Warwickshire County Council and Rugby Borough Council to ensure that everyone could access the support they needed during this difficult time.

Over the course of the outbreak the Rugby Shielding Hub delivered over 1,700 parcels to vulnerable residents, including both essential food and activity packs created by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum.

Rugby Borough Council has also stood behind local businesses by distributing over £16 million of the Government's small business grants, many of which have supported businesses in our

community. Warwickshire County Council has also ensured that tens of millions of items of Personal Protective Equipment were delivered to schools, care homes and carers and hospitals throughout Warwickshire.

Yousef said: "Over the last few months Hillmorton & Paddox's sense of community spirit has really come to the fore. People have really pulled together; neighbours have helped each other out and looked out for each other, and it's been heartening to see.

"The local COVID-19 volunteer group have been invaluable too and when the call was made for local volunteers so many came forward.



Moving forward the focus is on ensuring we have the resilience within our communities to cope with whatever the future holds. Lots of people are working hard to make sure that we have the tools in place to keep everyone safe but if anyone has any concerns please contact me at any time."

ROADS UPDATE

■ Inevitably the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the delivery of road improvement schemes in the local area.

The scheduled upgrade of the 'Paddox pub' junction has been delayed, with work now expected to commence early next year.

Also, resurfacing work on Packwood Avenue and Phipps Avenue is due to take place in the coming months but a start date is yet to be confirmed.

Over the last few months many residents have also raised concerns about speeding in the area. Some residents have expressed an interest in starting a Community Speed Watch focussing on



Raising awareness of speeding in the area

High Street/Crick Road and The Kent in particular, but there have also been complaints about speeding on Lower Hillmorton Road.

If you are interested in volunteering and would like more details please email Yousef using the details on the reverse.

NEW HOULTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

■ Work is now well underway on the new secondary school at Houlton.

The new school is built around the Grade-II listed Rugby Radio Station building and will eventually become the heart of the developing community.

The school will retain many of the listed building's original features and will provide a fitting bridge between the area's past and its future.

The new school will be run by the Transforming Lives Educational Trust which also runs Ashlawn School in Hillmorton.

It will open its doors in September 2021.

MARK PAWSEY MP—REPORTING BACK

■ This year has been hugely challenging for people and businesses in Rugby and Bulkington, and no one could have foreseen the impact which coronavirus has had on us all.

However, the Government has stepped up to deliver an unprecedented level of support to protect lives and livelihoods. Here in Rugby and Bulkington over 14,400 jobs have been supported through the Coronavirus Jobs Retention Scheme.

In addition, £8.7 million has been provided to self-employed workers through the Self-Employment Income Support

Scheme and local businesses have benefitted from £16.5 million worth of grants.

I know that the past few months have been incredibly challenging, but thanks to the resilience we have all shown and the sacrifices we have made, I believe that we are emerging from this crisis and I want to thank everyone in Hillmorton for their efforts to help the community.

Now, we must ensure that we deliver on levelling up Britain and bouncing back from the coronavirus outbreak.



WE STAND TOGETHER

In Rugby

- ✓ 14,400 jobs protected via the furlough scheme
- ✓ £8,700,000 to support self-employed people
- ✓ £41,496,861 of Bounce Back Loans for small businesses
- ✓ £16,532,000 of business grants paid out

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER PHILIP SECComBE

■ Warwickshire Police & Crime Commissioner Philip Seccombe has set out his policing priorities for the county.

Commissioner Seccombe's top priority is to reduce crime across Warwickshire. Since taking office he has overseen a large increase in the number of Police Officers, PCSOs and Special Constables.

Philip is also prioritising supporting victims of crime and has secured funding from the government for local charities supporting victims of sexual offences.

He has also launched his Road Safety Fund in a bid to reduce the number of accidents on local roads.



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BOROUGH-WIDE EFFORT TO TACKLE LITTERING

■ Rugby Borough Council has launched its 'don't be a tosser' campaign aimed at targeting littering across the town.

Over the last few months council staff have collected an additional ten tonnes of litter and human waste from parks and open spaces every day.

Although the vast majority of local residents do the right thing and either dispose of their litter responsibly or take it home with them, there are a few who cause misery for local communities.

Posters have been put up in parks and open spaces across the borough which make it clear to those who litter that there is no excuse for doing it.

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Working hard for Hillmorton & Paddock and keeping in touch all year round.

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