

Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter July 2020

Welcome to the Bulletin for July – the fourth to be sent out in Lockdown – albeit a less stringent lockdown than that in March. As before, this Bulletin contains local information you may find interesting and helpful. It also tries to give you information about opportunities to help or to find help within the community. We are on the verge of seeing some ‘normal’ activities return - such as the pubs and restaurants. The timing of this (July 4th) means that in many cases it is still unclear how this will operate – the information here is as accurate as we can make it on July 1st

Your Community Association very much hope that you are managing to keep well. We wish our readers, their families and friends and neighbours the very best of health and strength to get through this time.

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1) Special Request from HCCA

Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA) are looking for some informal advice on a planning matter. If you are or know of a planner / planning lawyer who would be happy to give some informal advice then this would be greatly appreciated. To get in touch please contact us on:

1. tel: 0117 9291883
2. [email: admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)

2.Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group.

Those of you who may have read the [Mayor's response to the Group at the end of May](#) will perhaps have noticed that the Mayor thinks that Payne's shipyard and the Caravan site are not part of the Western Harbour project. This is odd because they are very much within the boundary for the Western Harbour area as shown in the Local Plan. See p.24 of the Site allocations document here <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/local-plan-review> So we have written again to the Mayor to point this out and to make the plea that we need to see some master-planning thinking and not disjointed ad-hoc planning.

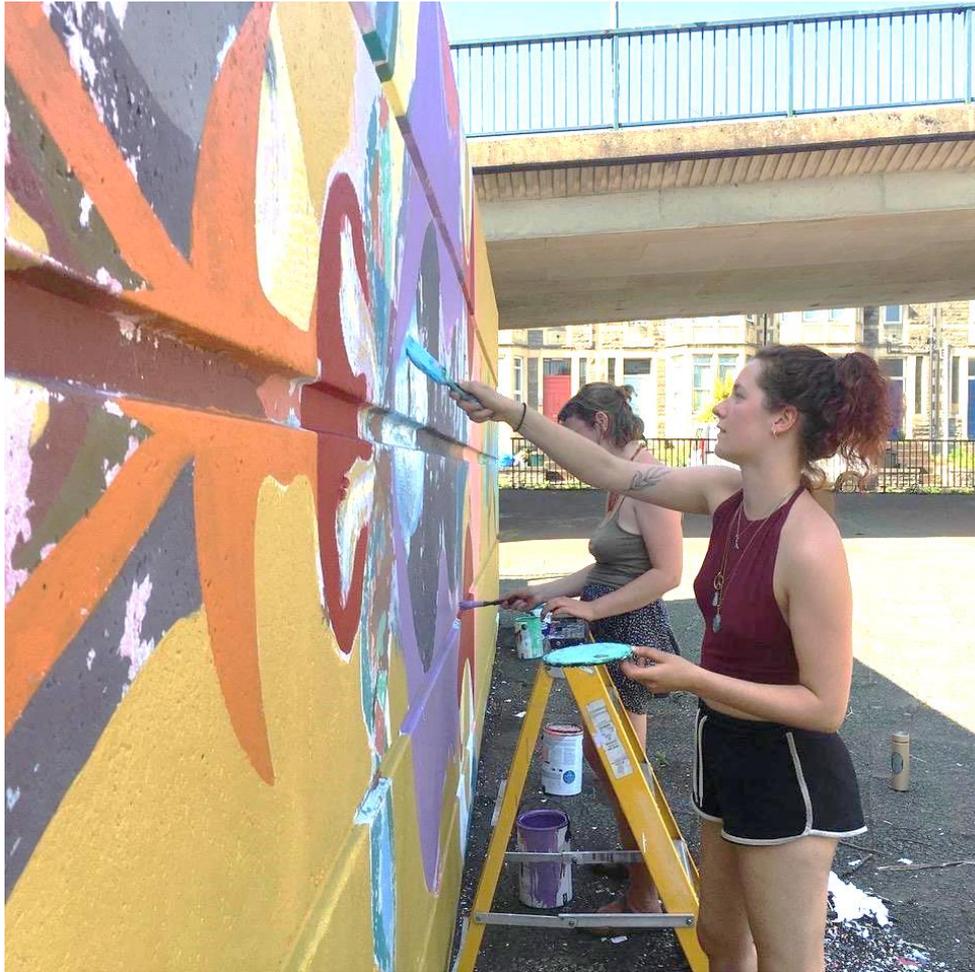
3.Progress at the piazza

June has done a great job of watering the plants at the Hotwells Piazza and it has also brought our fantastic local young volunteers back. Last week we were able to finally build our first ecobrick and cob planter using local materials and a bit of dancing (link to add). The sun was hot enough to act as a kiln and after it's finished drying, we will coat it with a fine layer of clay and something to keep the rain off before planting the apple tree. By next spring we'll have at least 10. I have finally finished the community gardening guidelines so that anyone can help out with weeding, watering and planting at any time. You can find these online here (link to add) and on the HCCA noticeboard opposite the Rose of Denmark pub. Finally, with so many people using the space at this time, I've been able to have some great conversations and there is a local desire for a community event- something like a socially distanced street party. I'll keep talking to people and seeing what's possible, but if you'd like to help organise, please email admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk Anna Haydock-Wilson



Read Anna's Blog further to see ways that you could help with jobs that need doing in a community garden. This is a great creative enterprise and we can all do our little bit to support it:

<https://artundertheflyover.com/2020/06/29/community-gardening-guidelines/>



4.Cliftonwood Cinema Update

Sadly this year's open air film show has had to be cancelled. Full information here <https://mailchi.mp/353fa4532423/cliftonwood-open-air-cinema-sad-news?e=90d6651504>

Watershed has also announced it will remain closed until September in order to make sure it can open safely.

<https://www.bristol247.com/culture/film/watershed-reveal-reopening-plans/>

5.Hotwells School Appeal

For those with a connection to Hotwells Primary School – they have arranged an event in conjunction with Chai Shai on Friday July 3rd. The restaurant is offering a discounted menu at £10 and instructions on ordering and collecting are on the link. This is definitely a family viewing event as you'll see from the choice of films – but it could be fun for grandparents to join in too. All proceeds are towards outdoor equipment for Hotwells School.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1115548405497024/permalink/1116321598753038/>

6. A Message from Holy Trinity Church: Trinity Care Community

Holy Trinity Church building is currently closed but our community is very much active!

Whilst we have had to suspend the popular Thursday Lunch Club, Memory Café and the newly opened Community Café, we have recognised that our role in helping to combat loneliness and isolation is needed more than ever. We have kept in touch with our Thursday regulars, including volunteers, by phone and newsletter. We have also been exchanging pictures and letters with them from local schoolchildren from Hotwells Primary and QEH. At Easter we delivered chocolate eggs, for VE day it was individual cream teas and most recently we paired with Bristol Bears to deliver their activity packs.

Our members have told us that the telephone contact has been invaluable, especially for those not able to access online information. We have therefore extended this opportunity and are now launching a new service for anyone in this local HCCA area. **Two's Company** is a telephone befriending service that connects local volunteers with local people. This initiative has been set up in conjunction with Linking Lives UK, a national charity that has already established befriending projects across the country. The aim of this telephone befriending is to help reduce the impact of social isolation by making connections with others. If you or someone you know would benefit from this befriending service, or if you would like to know more, please call Liz Leaman on our new dedicated line for **Two's Company: 07458 300 210**.

We are waiting for further guidance from the Diocese with regards to reopening the church building for community gatherings and groups as well as for prayer and worship. In the meantime, we continue to gather as a worshipping community online. Please see our website for more details of these gatherings and updates on our reopening. www.holytrinityhotwells.org

7.Changes at Bear Pub

Many people will be aware that the landlord and landlady of the Bear Pub in Hotwells are not renewing their lease and will be leaving soon. They have been there since 1977 and their departure has caused great sadness to all who see this pub as their local. Everyone in Hotwells community wishes the O'Neill family well in whatever they do next.

https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/whats-on/food-drink/heartbreak-family-leave-bristol-pub-4239534?fbclid=IwAR1NXy_9xXJ7Kg7er2eISsIOcsRMLgWy9d256i7utSauZ445TE6H6TG2V7A

8.Drain Clearance

There seems to be a significant lack of activity to try and keep drains cleared. The consequences, as so many of you know and may have experienced, is either a much higher likelihood of being soaked to the skin as a passing vehicle ploughs through the "pond" if you are a walker, or the need to take a risk and move out into the general traffic flow to avoid the "pond" if you are a cyclist. Neither of these are

desirable and should not be a concern if our drains were cleared regularly enough. Please, if you are aware of a drain that is clogged and full, report it to the Council. This is relatively easy to do on <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue> If enough reports are made we may get something done a lot quicker than just hoping they come and fix it. Please don't assume someone else has done it – they may not have done. Even if they have, further voices recording the need for action should help. Thank you

9. News from Clifton Climate Action

Thinking of taking a holiday once we are let out of lock-down and given the go-ahead to travel? Here is an interesting article from the Clifton Climate Group on **Low Impact Holidays** both home and abroad. Click the link below to read for yourself – and you can go to their home page and find out other activities this group organising in the future. <https://www.cliftonclimateaction.org/low-impact-holidays.html>

10. Temporary closure of Suspension Bridge in July

The Bridge will be closed for two days for annual maintenance July 14th/July 15th between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Diversion signs will be in place using Bridge Valley Road, Brunel Way and A369 (Rownham Hill). Pedestrians can still use the bridge. Cyclists can push their bikes on the pedestrian path if they have to use the bridge – but are asked to find other routes on these two days. <https://cliftonbridge.org.uk/off-peak-closure-to-traffic-14-15-july/>

11. Special Award for Life Skills Education Centre

Lifeskills Safety Education Centre is proud to announce that they have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. Lifeskills first opened in 2000 and since then has taught nearly 200,000 school children to spot hazards and stay safe. Lifeskills is one of 230 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The number of nominations remains high year on year, showing that the voluntary sector is thriving and full of innovative ideas to make life better for those around them. You can read more about their success on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/LifeskillsBristol/posts/>

12. Food Bank Collection – Pooles Wharf

All Food Banks are experiencing reduced supply and increased demand. Outlets (e.g. the Hope Centre) are closed and the North West Food Bank is trying to deliver basics to individuals in need. This is an increasingly difficult situation as you will have read in both local and national press.

For the past month there has been a weekly collection in Pooles Wharf – it is every Monday. If you would like to take along donations – the address is 57 Pooles Wharf Court. Dropping off point is in the garage there which will be open from 10-12. Social distancing is accounted for as Jenny Hendy (the owner) will be sitting nearby while you make the drop. North Bristol Food Bank collect shortly after midday each Monday.

Food Banks need:

- Dried goods (pasta/rice)
- Tins of fruit
- Tins of beans
- Tinned meat or fish
- Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toilet paper
- Baby items e.g. wipes and nappies

This collection method is ongoing and you are welcome to go by and drop off whatever you think would be useful. (No fresh food however as it cannot be stored safely)

While on the subject of food – Click below to find a survey from Bristol Local Food organisation

<https://mailchi.mp/11576d0802f8/bristols-local-food-update-june-3208394?e=a30aadb118>

13. Public Transport – First Bus

All passengers are now required to wear masks when they travel on First Bus.

People are advised to use other means of transport if they can

<http://view.bus.firstgroup.com/?qs=04ee307c49b762da408221969d4ff5f564eb55b61a4f4b7eda76da02be0af8f50259f145dd66d89ec0d642e711cc8bffa52d067a1bab01747435fbbfa11c2ed05bac58183c4b7fdf53f431f432f3e9a7>

It should be noted that M2 service is again running on a reduced service along Cumberland Road. Motorists can drive along Cumberland Road in the Hotwells direction – but not towards the city centre. Avon Crescent has been officially closed and no longer offers access to Cumberland Road for this reason. Neither can motorists access Cumberland road from Cumberland basin – there is a diversion taking traffic to Coronation Road. It is unclear if these changes are permanent- or while the repairs to Cumberland Rd. and the Chocolate Path are completed.

14. Age Friendly Bristol

The following is a message from ‘Age-Friendly Neighbourhoods Network’ and is aimed at those who would like to volunteer help in these difficult times, but are not quite sure how to go about it or where to find information. Please find via the link below a new toolkit we have produced offering guidance on helping older people during the pandemic. The aim of the toolkit is not only to encourage people of all ages to support those who need it, but to ensure they are able to do so in a safe way.

<http://agefriendlybristol.org.uk/helping-older-neighbours-toolkit/>

15. Friends Ageing Better Newsletter

The newsletter has a section on quieter places to walk for those preferring to walk well away from the crowds and an inspirational video created by an older-dancers group in Bristol. (The oldest is 77)

<https://mailchi.mp/86f09fb73513/fab-newsletter-5925360?e=c0d8a9c215>

16. Neighbourhood Watch Alert

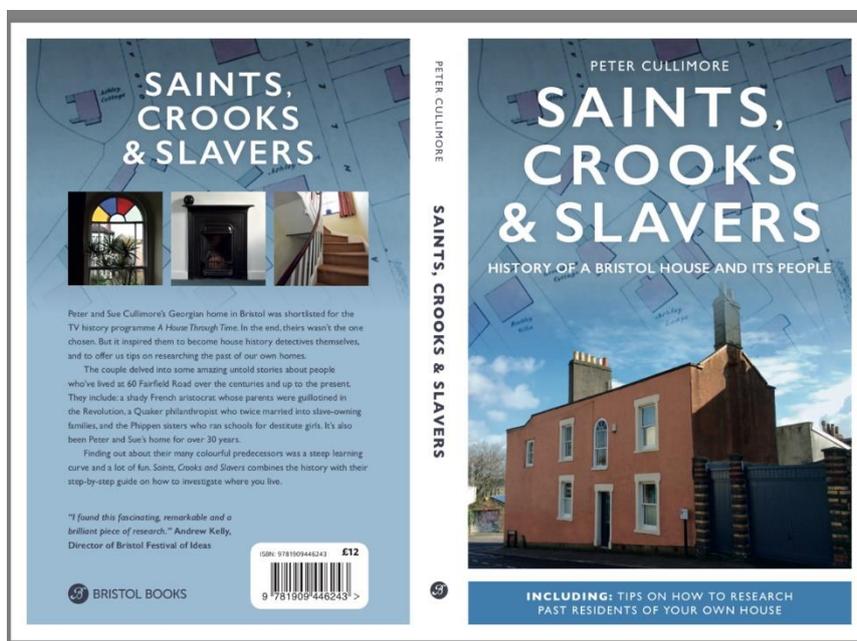
Here is a list of scams which have arisen as fraudsters take advantage of the Covid crisis. These scams can take the form of text messages, emails or phone calls as well as face-to-face. The article contains key protection advice under the headings Stop, Challenge, Protect.

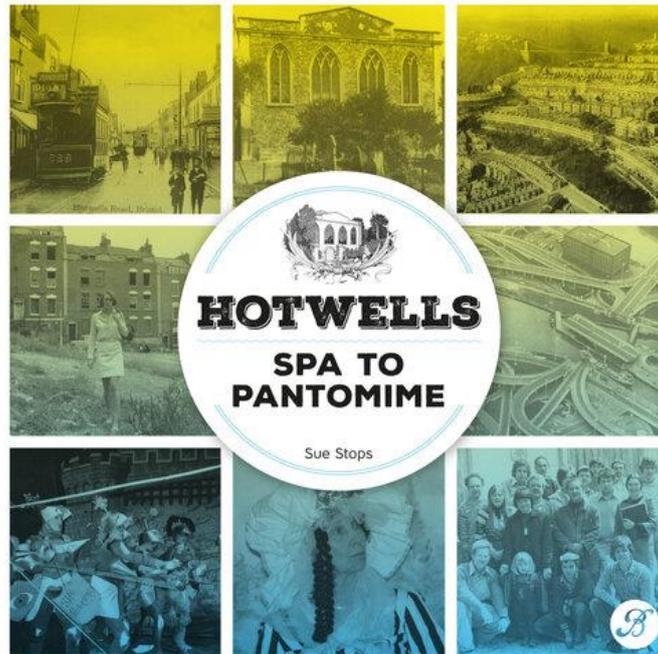
- **Stop:** Taking a moment to think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **Challenge:** Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **Protect:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen victim to a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news/neighbourhood-watch-response-covid-19/be-aware-covid-19-scams-and-crimes>

17. Bristol Books

If you are looking for some extra summer reading in lock-down – what could be better than a book with a local theme? Bristol Books has just added a new book to its collection – ‘**Saints, Crooks and Slavers**’. Peter and Sue Cullimore’s Georgian home in Bristol was shortlisted for the TV history programme ‘A House Through Time’ In the end, theirs wasn’t the one chosen, but it inspired them to become house history detectives themselves, and to offer us tips on researching the past of our own homes.





You can find more about this new book and buy it directly from [Bristol Books](#). You will also find other local books including **'Hotwells- Spa to Pantomime'** by Sue Stops and **'From Brigstow to Bristol in 45 Bridges'** by Jeff Lucas and Thilo Gross – both a great read !

We are assured that 'Saints Crooks and Slaves' can also be purchased from Storysmith in North Street and Max Minerva in Westbury Park or any of the Better Food shops. If you have any problems, you could email the writer directly on petercullimore@blueyonder.co.uk

18. Bristol City Coronavirus Advice

Here is the latest update from BCC . It has wide ranging advice on personal safety and health, including dental care. It mentions the current plans to close parts of Bristol to traffic. Public toilets have been opened in Ashton Court, Blaise Castle Estate and Oldbury Court and as of today in Queen's Square and Lloyds Amphitheatre on the Harbourside. There is specific advice on how to use them safely. Other park toilets are expected to be opened soon. There is a survey on the opening of museums. Full details here <https://mailchi.mp/92533e28578d/bristol-coronavirus-info-and-advice-28-april-4403168?e=0e7fc0a2e3>

19. Bristol COVID-19 Transport Survey

Bristol City Council have launched a mapping tool to capture the public's views on possible changes for transport and travel in Bristol post Covid 19. This venture was started on June 9th this year and remains open for more comments until December 31st 2020.

You can read full information and have your say by following [here](#).

20. Bristol Parks Forum

Many of us have made much greater use than normal of the wonderful parks around Bristol in recent months. If this has tempted you to volunteer – opportunities are explained in this publication. There is special reference to Ashton Court – see below. Ashton Court is one of Bristol's largest and most loved open spaces, but it does not currently have a friends' group. Ben Barker (who you may know as a long-time volunteer in the Bedminster area) has written to say they are trying to set a group up through My Wild Bedminster and have called it, initially at least, 'Support Ashton Court'. If you would like to join this group please contact mywildbedminster@virginmedia.com

Full details of the Parks Forum are below

<https://mailchi.mp/442eacdb02d2/bristol-parks-forum-update-no-4157524?e=b507856388>

21. Bristol's New Re-Use Shop

Bristol Waste have opened a new reuse shop at Avonmouth Recycling Centre selling everything from televisions to toys. Everything the shop sells might previously have gone to waste, with Bristol Waste also encouraging people to bring items to donate. Items will be cleaned and quarantined for 72 hours before they are put out for sale. Electrical items will be PAT tested to make sure they are safe to use. If the shop is profitable, 30 per cent of the profits will go to St Peter's Hospice – the company's chosen charity for this year. Full information here

<https://www.bristol247.com/news-and-features/news/bristols-first-reuse-shop-opens-for-business/>

Other specific ways to avoid buying new – by sharing or buying second hand are promoted in the following link to Clifton Climate Action's web pages

<https://www.cliftonclimateaction.org/sharing-repairing-and-recycling.html>

22. New Shop open at 171 Hotwell Road

In a shop which has been empty for a long time – opposite the Esso garage, you now can find 'ECOMOVE' This is a 'flagship store' selling E-Mopeds, E-Scooters and E-bikes. They are a very enthusiastic young team and feel that there is a great future for this kind of transport post lockdown. There is plenty of space inside the shop where you can look at the models and they have a track behind the shop where novices can try out their machines. The website is here

<https://eco-move.co.uk/>



23. Local Businesses Needing Support as we emerge from lockdown

As this Newsletter goes out in the first couple of days of each month – it is a bit early to be sure what will happen to local restaurants and pubs. However, it is sure that from July 4th all restaurants and pubs who comply to Covid social distancing regulations will be able to open.

Here are some updates which are sure to go ahead.

Local pubs

Pump House This landmark pub has survived lockdown by totally reinventing itself as a Farm Shop plus. Currently it is closed but is due to re-open on July 4th. The builders are in with a vengeance and the new plans sound very exciting.

The shop will stay – it has been a great success. It will be deli style and will sell locally source products – cheese, meats etc. It will also have a café serving coffee, salads and featured sandwiches. There will be a contactless system of ordering and finding your seat.

The shop will open from 7.30 a.m. and will serve coffee and croissants – early morning walkers will be delighted!

Take-away fish and chips on a Friday will also remain – by pre-order only. The pub itself will re-open in the right-hand side of the building – with the bar extended and opened up to allow much more space to allow for social distancing. This all sounds like great news for the Harbourside. Read their Facebook page to see what happens next!

<https://www.facebook.com/pumphousebristol/>

Rose of Denmark - This pub has been opening afternoons 2-6p.m. for collection of cider and local ales. It will definitely be opening again on July 4th and will be providing limited food service. (Ploughmans and fish and chips)
<https://www.facebook.com/roseofdenmarkbristol/?f=148747925166098>

Merchants Arms - Has been opening for through the hatch sales of ale - definitely opening on July 4th. Again, broadcasting via Facebook - with a particularly poignant message to those rejoicing in the re-opening of pubs and asking them to take care and be patient.
<https://www.facebook.com/MerchantsArmsPubHotwells/>

Orchard Inn (Spike Island) - This pub is definitely opening again on July 4th and will be serving bar snacks to start with – like a lot of places it will be a question of seeing how things go.
<https://www.orchardinn.co.uk/>

Lion Pub - This lovely Cliftonwood pub has been doing a great take-away service during lockdown. They have decided to keep this going Thursday – Sunday for the next month at least rather than opening fully right now. Their take-aways look amazing – just click on the Twitter feed below:
<https://twitter.com/lioncliftonwood?lang=en>

Restaurants

Most local restaurants have been operating a take-away system as mentioned in previous bulletins. It is currently unclear just how easy it will be for some of them to open fully. Contacting their websites /Facebook pages after July 4th is the best way to find out if your favourite is now open.

The Gallery - This little restaurant is definitely opening again on July 4th for Sunday roasts – having been closed for the whole of lockdown. Their phone number is 07527 239 562
See picture below.



Chai Shai - As mentioned in previous newsletters, Chai Shai has done an amazing job providing meals for NHS during the pandemic. Please keep an eye on their Facebook page to see when they will be opening again.

<https://www.facebook.com/chaishaikitchen/>

The Local Thai - has a delivery service run by Deliveroo – to access this you have to go to the Deliveroo site. <https://deliveroo.co.uk/menu/bristol/hotwells/the-local-thai-bristol>

Otherwise the restaurant offers a take-away service offering a 10% discount for those who can collect. Their phone number is 0117 330 6476
<https://www.localthaibristol.com/> Keep an eye on their website to find out when they are opening fully.

Raj Bari - This well-loved Indian restaurant on Hotwell Road is open only for take-away service on Thursday/Friday/Saturday evenings. Phone number is 0117 922 7617. <http://rajbaribristol.co.uk/> They are hoping to reopen in July as long as they feel it is safe for their customers. Keep an eye on their Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Rajbaribristol/>

Rassasy - This Indian restaurant on Hotwell Rd has updated its web site and is definitely opening on July 4th. From that date they will be open for dining 12 noon – 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. – 11p.m. seven days a week. Phone number is 0117 922 7617. <https://www.indianrassasy.com/>

The Red Pizza Company - (next to Raj Bari) This take-away shop is offering deliveries but has tightened up the ruling about ordering and paying. Now orders must be placed online or by phone – collection is at an allotted time and people are requested to queue at a social distance on the pavement before collection. They are still open until 11.30 p.m. and will deliver until 4 a.m. They also deliver wine and other alcohol. <https://www.theredpizzacompany.com/?locale=en-GB>

Food and Grocery Provision

Information for those who might still prefer to have a delivery rather than face shopping at this time.

A few local shops offering delivery facilities.

The Mall Deli www.themalldeli.co.uk enquiries to enquiries@themalldeli.co.uk 0117 9734440 and

Clifton Fruit and Veg, Byces Avenue email clifton9fruit@yahoo.com 0117 3368426

Reg the Veg in Boyce's Avenue is also offering a delivery service of veg/salad boxes and much more. Their Facebook page is worth a look as they are extending the goods they sell. <https://www.facebook.com/www.regtheveg ltd.co.uk/>

A group of independent shops in North Street has formed an online group to help them keep buoyant during this time. It ranges from bookshops to food and artworks. Here is a link to their site <https://wearebs3.co.uk/#/>

Windmill Hill Farm boxes - The Windmill Hill farm has teamed up with French Garden Catering to supply these boxes. You have to order online but can pick up at Windmill Hill.

Their website is well worth a look <https://www.windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk/our-services/bristol-fruit-and-veg-boxes/>

P.S!

Not all supporters of HCCA or residents in the area receive the Bulletin. Restrictions of the Data Protection act mean that we can only send out the Bulletin to those who have 'opted in'.

If you have friends or neighbours who find they are no longer receiving the Bulletin – please advise them to go to the HCCA website – there is a link on the Homepage <https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk> 'Sign up to receive newsletters' We welcome more subscribers.