



Supporting **Derbyshire** in the fight against coronavirus

## Welcome to the Amber Valley community champion update

This is the third edition of the weekly newsletter designed to inform residents and community leaders in Amber Valley about local activity and support available relating to Covid-19. Please share it with anyone you think will find it useful.

### Time to Talk Day - 4th February



**Time to Talk Day** each year encourages everyone to be more open about mental health – to talk, to listen, to change lives. This year it is focusing on **the power of small** – because a small conversation about mental health has the power to make a big difference.

So next Thursday let's all make a special effort to pick up the phone to someone we've not heard from in a while, check in and connect. Or why not invite a friend or neighbour for a local walk?





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## Vaccine Update

### **If you are housebound and need a vaccination:**

Advice from Justine Reid, Clinical Director, ARCH Primary Care Network:

"If you usually require a home visit for your care then the surgery will be in touch to arrange a time for this when it is your turn. To vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as possible we are working together with GP surgeries within the Primary Care Network so it may not be a healthcare professional from your surgery but the surgery will have contacted you to tell you they are coming. The health care professional will always have their ID with them to verify who they are.

"If you are normally housebound but you are mobile and able to arrange for a family member to bring you to a local vaccination centre this is helpful in the vaccine roll out, but if you are genuinely house bound we will ensure you get your vaccine."

### **Additional Vaccination Venues:**

Pharmacy-led sites in Derby, Hatton and Horsley Woodhouse will begin vaccinations on Friday, adding an extra dimension to the COVID-19 vaccination programme. The new sites will be able to book patients through the National Booking System, thus providing new options for eligible patients.

All three sites are in community venues, not in the pharmacies themselves, and people still require appointments before they can receive a vaccination.

## Derbyshire Spirit



The public continue to show amazing support for the staff and volunteers at vaccination sites, with great feedback and steady flow of donations and gifts.

Staff at the Oaklands vaccination site (Swadlincote) were treated to food deliveries from Morrisons, and The Garden King donated a load of rock salt. Ice and Slice pizza parlour also brought pizza on a Saturday for all staff and volunteers.

**If you have any questions regarding vaccinations in the Amber Valley area please contact**

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