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A message to the people of Porthcawl

Dear Residents / Annwyl Preswyllydd

I do hope you and your loved ones are in good spirits and staying fit and healthy. I want to send this message to you, in support of everything that we are being asked to do during this difficult time.

The people of Porthcawl have always risen to any challenge, and always supported their community when it has been in need.

We are in need now; we need common sense, decency, care and respect for our fellow citizens.

The good news is that after the madness of last weekend, and the call for action by government, people are by and large complying with the restrictions placed upon us, and I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken those messages on board and modified their way of life.

It is vitally important that we comply with the restrictions placed upon us by Government.

These are:-

- Stay at home

You can only leave home for the following reasons:

- Shopping for necessities, and as infrequently as possible, avoid stock piling and panic buying.
- One form of exercise a day, such as running or cycling, alone or with household members; maintain at least a 2 metre distance from anyone else.
- For medical or care needs, for example to help a vulnerable person.
- Travelling to and from essential work, but only if you cannot work from home.

Meeting friends, shopping for anything beyond essentials, and gathering in crowds is prohibited.

If we do these things we will reduce the risk of wider contamination, and we will save lives.

We will also be supporting the efforts of the valiant key workers, who continue to put themselves at risk to look after us all. I urge you not to place any unnecessary burden upon the Police, healthcare professionals, pharmacies, those volunteering with local support agencies, shop workers, drivers, and the emergency services as a whole.

We do not know how long our way of life will be disrupted, but we do know that every day we ignore the restrictions, is one day longer that we will be restricted.

Eventually we will get past this emergency. Our beaches, our walks and our parks will still be there, for all of us to enjoy.

We hope that our businesses will be able to re-open and thrive; they will need our support and I know local people will 'shop local' and help them get back on their feet.

There are many sources of help and support available to those in need, in the first instance you can contact the Porthcawl Covid 19 Support Group via:-

Rest Bay – Cllr Michael Clarke 07957 456651
Newton – Eddie Morgan 07967 629690
Nottage – Cllr Norah Clarke 07776 437565
Porthcawl East Central – Cllr Les Tallon-Morris 07973 666123
Porthcawl West Central – Cllr Tracy Hill 07791 525838

And also for the over 70's, Age Cymru can be contacted via 0800 022 3444.

Porthcawl Town Council continues to operate a limited service and is working with all relevant agencies; Bridgend County Borough Council have useful tips and advice available via their website.

On behalf of Porthcawl Town Council I want to thank all our emergency service workers, our medical professionals and all those currently volunteering to support our community; your efforts are immensely appreciated by everyone.

In conclusion, if we keep calm, observe current restrictions, look out for one another and remain positive then we will emerge safely, and can start the process of rebuilding our community.

With all best wishes, and stay safe.

Thank you / Diolch yn fawr

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