

ARAL Community

15 April 2020

Dear ARAL residents,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having recently (in line with Government advice of course).

I just wanted to remind you all that we have several very keen volunteers who would be very happy to help with shopping, collecting medication, dog-walking or anything else that is needed so please let me know if you need a helping hand in any way.

It has been wonderful to see and hear so many joining in the 'Clap for the NHS' at 8pm every Thursday evening- I think we are getting louder every week and its a great way to show our appreciation and to see neighbours from a safe distance!

I know many of you will be wondering how we can do more to help those who are in need at this difficult time. The North Guildford Foodbank are always grateful for any donated items so I have set up 2 collection points where any spare items can be left and will then arrange for them to be delivered to the Foodbank every few days. Please drop off any items to the boxes in my front porch (29 Westward Ho) or at Sam Samaratunga's house (17 Abbotswood). Please check the North Guildford Foodbank Facebook page for an up to date list of items that are needed - they welcome any long-life food, toiletries and household items and are this week particularly short of flour, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, rice and liquid laundry detergent.

Now some more usual ARAL business! Our gardener has been doing a great job over the past few months in trying to keep the moss at bay on the pavements. However it is a never ending task and I'm keen to try to keep the amount we pay out for this task to a minimum by asking everyone who is able, to please have a go at keeping their bit of pavement clear. I know many residents already do this and also keep the verges mowed and tidy which is very much appreciated by everyone. I have found that a good stiff outdoor brush is very effective especially now that the moss is dead and dried out.

Finally, a polite request for any dog walkers to please not deposit dog waste bags on the pavements or verges of Abbotswood, even if the intention is to collect it later. There are several residents who have complained recently and I have been asked to pass this request on.

Let's hope this lockdown will be able to be eased soon, but in the meantime take care.

Best wishes,

Sarah

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