

# *Somerford Keynes Parish Council*

**NEWSLETTER 6**

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The Community seems to be coping well with the lockdown. Neighbours are helping the vulnerable where they can with shopping and other kind deeds. Thank you all. If you are aware of any other problems, please let us know and we will try to help.

Green bins are now being emptied once a fortnight with payment deferred to June and we have just been informed that the Fosse Cross site is now open (except Tuesdays). There is limited access and slots must be booked on-line in advance.

<https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/>.

The Parish Council are meeting informally once a week on-line to discuss matters. The minutes of our monthly formal meetings can be found on the website including the Annual Parish Meeting. The NDP has now passed its formal stage up to a Parish Referendum which cannot be held until the crisis eases but we have been told that it will be considered for planning matters. Peter Watkins has updated our Parish Website, thank you Peter, and much information on matters are clearly laid out there including PC agendas and minutes, please visit the site for more. We are aware of the issue of parking at Neighbridge and the anti-social activities and have addressed the CWP Trust who lease the site,

perhaps to reopen the car park. They have now done so but also have erected new metal gates which seem to deter visitors and are also still charging a parking fee.

You are no doubt aware that the village now has two defibrillators, one at the Village Hall and one in the telephone box. We still have in mind the need to arrange some training on the use of the defibrillators. In the meantime, please ensure that you have arranged to have a 'buddy' who could assist you should there be an emergency.

We should also all consider the requirements on the need to maintain 2m spacing when walking or exercising.

Stay safe,

Roger Sleeman. SKPC