

## *Brindle Parish Council: local information*

We hope that you are well. Note the information below about Covid vaccination and what to do if you suffer persistent tummy troubles but do not want to bother your GP. There is also some information about two online scams.

### COVID VACCINATION

Patients who are eligible to receive a Covid-19 Vaccination will be invited to book an appointment. If you have not received a letter, phone call or text message to book a vaccine, please do not worry. Everyone will be notified in priority order as the vaccine becomes available. Please do not telephone your GP practice, hospitals or other NHS organisations but just wait to be invited.

### 'HELP US, HELP YOU' CAMPAIGN

People with persistent tummy troubles in Lancashire and South Cumbria including diarrhoea, bloating or discomfort in the tummy area, are being urged to get checked for cancer as part of the NHS and Public Health England's 'Help Us, Help You' campaign. People in Lancashire and Cumbria are encouraged to speak to their GP if they have a symptom including diarrhoea, bloating or discomfort in the tummy area for three weeks or more, as they could be a sign of cancer.

Figures show that 11,694 of people are diagnosed with cancers in the abdominal area in the North West every year, which includes ovarian, kidney and bowel cancers. More than four in ten people leave it longer to get health advice than they normally would have before the coronavirus outbreak. Delaying can have serious consequences for some cancers. Hospitals have put extensive measures in place so that patients can get safely tested and treated, including by rolling out Covid-protected hubs across the country and introducing treatment swaps that require fewer trips to hospital and have less of an effect on cancer patients' immune systems.

### COVID SURVEY SCAM

There is a survey scam on Twitter. The survey asks residents to provide details of how they have coped with the COVID-19 Pandemic and purports to come from their Local Authority. Participants are requested to provide their personal details. In one case a resident was advised that she would be paid £25 for taking part in the survey. Fortunately, she declined the offer of payment or the fraudsters may have obtained her personal bank details. Residents are reminded to take great care when providing their personal details to any third party.

### SCAM DPD EMAIL

Shoppers are being warned about a fake DPD email that is circulating which attempts to trick recipients into handing over their bank details. The email urges people to pay to reschedule a delivery of their parcel. Be suspicious if you are not expecting a delivery! Customers receiving an email from DPD are asked to check the message has come from a valid email address before taking any action. The delivery company only emails from one of three email addresses: @dpd.co.uk; @dpdlocal.co.uk; or @dpdgroup.co.uk. If the email has not come from one of these addresses, it is likely to be a phishing scam and should be reported to [www.report@phishing.gov.uk](http://www.report@phishing.gov.uk).

Keep safe and well!

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