

## Rotary Club News Update – 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Rotary Club of Worcester** had our monthly Council meeting by video conference using GoToMeeting. It went really well and we will continue to use it until we are again meeting face to face.

Had to make some tough decisions about planned events, but also discussed how we can continue to function as a club and to continue being of service.

We're supporting the #Here2Help campaign from Worcestershire CC, encouraging our communities to come together to tackle #coronavirus. Find out more and get involved [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help).

### COVID-19: Five steps to look after yourself and others



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**Bangor Gwynedd Rotary** did the same but used Zoom, bit chaotic to start but eventually we had 21 participants. Will be doing the same every week until we get back to normal

**Rotary Club of Swindon** had our first Rotary meeting lunchtime via Zoom, it was a learning curve for us, but 12 members attended felt it went well. We will continue with this for all meetings, council and individual committee meetings, until we can all get together again.

Also it was decided we are going to contact our pairing partner daily so no one in the club will feel isolated if they cannot attend and if anything is wrong or needed we as a Club can do our best to sort it. Simple, but will keep everyone in our club connected. Keep safe our friends.

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**City of Hereford Rotary Club** has started a Facebook group seeking local offers of support : **Hereford Rotary Covid-19 Volunteers**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/195399895095561/>

This has received a phenomenal response over the weekend. Rather than starting its own approach, **hvoss** (Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service) will be working with City of Hereford Rotary and others to ensure strategic local coordination and support. Further details will be available once they have met.

Initial agreed priorities are likely to include:

- Encouraging people to donate to local food banks
- Encourage people to contact neighbours and check who may help
- Give people in need contact details so they know that there is someone locally who can help them
- Consider transportation networks, assets and other resources that will address access to services, issues including supply chain of goods and services for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged
- Agree strategic local co-ordination.

**hvoss** will be meeting with City of Hereford Rotary and other representatives later this week. **hvoss** will assess the situation then and discuss the best way for all to be involved. **hvoss** will be logging all offers of support received, and is encouraging all local communities to do the same.

**hvoss** is grateful for the support of the NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action) and its membership organisations in producing this information and guidance.

**Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett & District** has so far:

- Cancelled all club meetings until the end of June.
- Decided that all committee meetings will hopefully be held via Zoom, starting to trial it on Monday evening. If successful we'll look at holding shorter lunchtime meetings on our usual meeting day - Wednesday.
- Set up a WhatsApp group to maintain contact, sharing news, both serious and funny's to keep people connected.
- Decided that a weekly email will also be sent to all members to include any updates, and anyone in need of help or support can just let our Secretary know and our members will do their best.

Planning for the new Rotary is in hand so that we're ready to go as soon as life returns to some normality.

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