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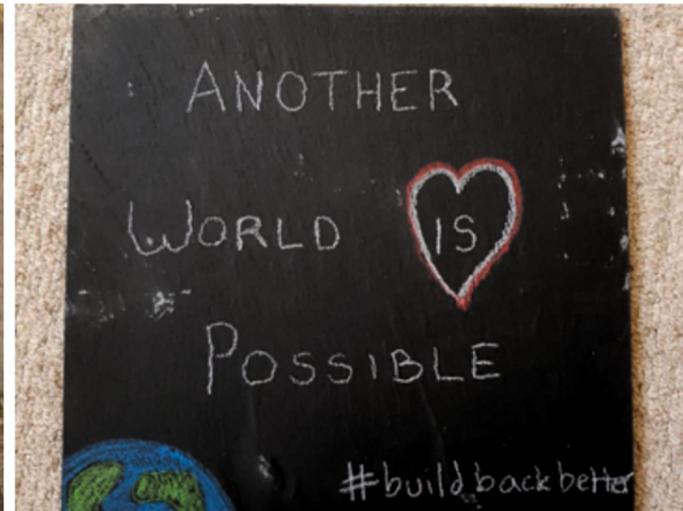
From Stockport



Stockport Greens say a huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful **NHS** and all key workers helping us through the COVID-19 crisis

WELCOME TO OUR DIGITAL NEWSLETTER!

To protect our local leaflet delivery teams and help stop the spread of the virus, we have decided to suspend our regular newsletter deliveries at the present time. To help keep you informed of what we are doing, we have launched our first digital newsletter! Please share it widely with people you know across Stockport as we want to keep in touch with as many people as possible.



USEFUL NUMBERS

- Stockport Council Coronavirus Helpline for Vulnerable People: **0161 217 6046**
- Healthwatch Stockport: **0161 974 0753**
- Age UK Stockport: **0161 480 1211**
- Open Door – mental health helpline for Stockport residents aged over 18: **0800 138 7276**
- The Prevention Alliance - support for health, well-being, benefits, housing and other issues: **0161 474 1042**
- Samaritans: **116 123**
- Stockport Citizens Advice: **0300 330 9073**
- Greater Manchester Citizens Advice emergency out of hours helpline: **0161 850 5053**
- Stockport Without Abuse (formerly Stockport Women's Aid): **0161 477 4271**

WHAT HAVE OUR CAMPAIGNERS BEEN UP TO DURING LOCKDOWN?

ALEX CROMPTON

BREDBURY GREEN AND ROMILEY

Alex is an experienced crafter who has been making face masks during lockdown. Alex says: "There are 2 styles of mask: pleated and shaped. If you are new to sewing, the pleated mask is the simplest. I recommend this [tutorial](#). My preference has been a shaped mask. I used this [tutorial](#). The good thing about this one is that I've been able to adapt the fit for each of my family members."

Any other advice? "You should put your mask in a bag or straight in the washing machine after using it. You may need several masks per day, as well as spares while they are washing and drying."



KARL WARDLAW

BRINNINGTON AND CENTRAL

Lockdown has made me think about keeping in touch with those around me so I've been contacting friends, family and work colleagues regularly. Like so many others, I've been placed on furlough so my colleagues and I have set up a WhatsApp group to keep in touch with each other. My wife and I have got to know neighbours we barely knew before as we are spending more time at home. Lockdown has taught me to value what I have got and make even more of an effort to connect with my family and neighbours.

GARY LAWSON

REDDISH SOUTH

Since March, like other people, I have been staying at home, except for daily exercise and essential shopping. During this time I have really valued my walks in Reddish Vale. We are so lucky to live near this country park.



I am still working for the Reddish South Ward, albeit from home, and Zoom meetings are proving invaluable for keeping in touch with my team.

What I have missed most of all is not being able to see family and friends, including those from St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish, where the Sunday service is now on [Facebook](#). Keeping in touch and supporting one another by telephone, email, text and even old-fashioned letter writing has, however, strengthened my relationships and drawn us closer to one another.

HELENA MELLISH

REDDISH NORTH

As co-owner of a mobile catering company, lockdown has posed great problems for our business. However, we are privileged to be involved with 'Stockport Foodie Friday at Stepping Hill'. The campaign is raising donations to provide free hot meals for the hardworking NHS staff at Stepping Hill Hospital. The response to the project has been overwhelming and people have been incredibly generous, donating over £16,000. Our last session at the hospital was on Friday 22nd May and it was a real pleasure to be there and serve the fantastic staff. Donations are still being accepted and we hope to return again soon to feed more staff as part of this wonderful project.

Lockdown has also afforded me the time to work on other projects. My husband and I are excited to be setting up an urban farm, growing and selling microgreens and mushrooms, amongst other things. Our new business, Seed, will service our local area, making deliveries within a 10-mile radius using an electric tricycle. The idea behind the business is to feed people fresh, nutrient-dense produce that is locally grown, sustainably made, and with low food mileage. The current pandemic has highlighted the fragility of our food system, so we hope to improve this within our local area.



FUNDRAISING QUIZ FOR RE:DISH FOOD BANK

To provide some light entertainment and raise money for the Re:dish Food Bank, Gary Lawson has organised a quiz which will be held via Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday 11th June. If you would like to join in, please contact Gary via gary.lawson@stockportgreenparty.org.uk and he will send you the link to the meeting



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STOCKPORT RESIDENTS REPORT A RENEWED APPRECIATION OF GREEN SPACES

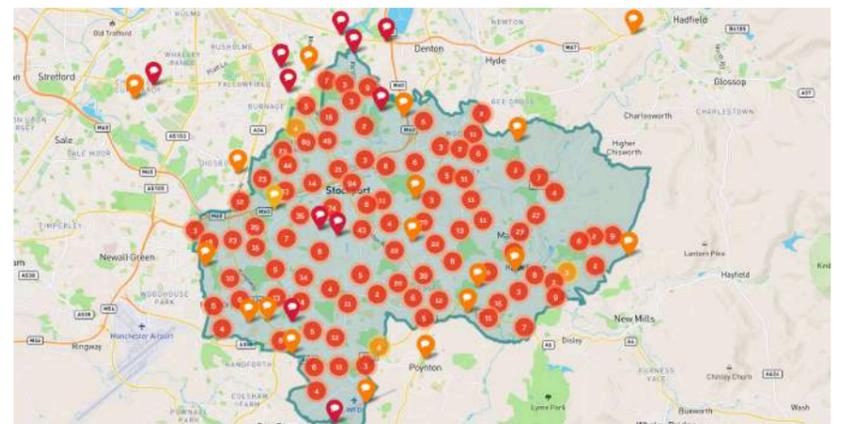
Many people have found sanctuary in nature throughout the pandemic. Alex Crompton lives on the proposed route of the A6-M60 bypass and regularly walks in the fields that are at risk of destruction. She said: "We've heard so many song birds on our walks with no traffic or plane noise. We have identified Dunnocks, Jays, Robins, Song Thrush, Blue Tits, Black Caps and many more. It has been a godsend having this space during lockdown. I love it!" We will continue to do all that we can to protect our precious green spaces, and hope that others will join us in our efforts in the months and years ahead.



Field near Highfield Cemetery threatened by A6-M60 bypass

SAFE STREETS SAVE LIVES

Stockport Council and local Walk Ride Groups recently asked residents to highlight possible improvements to walking and cycling provision in their areas. You can see an interactive map showing many suggestions received from people across Stockport [here](#).



GET IN TOUCH

If you have a comment or query, we would love to hear from you.



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