

This Newsletter has been produced by the Petersfield COVID-19 Network. It is intended to help and inform Petersfield residents, especially those who are unable to leave their homes because of Government restrictions.

If you know someone who would like to receive the paper version of this newsletter, please ask them to contact Romsey Mill via phone or via post: Romsey Mill Centre, Hemingford Road, Cambridge CB1 3BZ (you do not need a stamp if you add "FREEPOST CB1067") or call 07933 671101.

Romsey Mill can also offer assistance by putting you in contact with volunteers, who can help collecting shopping and medication.

If you have information which would be of benefit to other residents in Petersfield please contact Romsey Mill with details and we will consider using it in future newsletters.

For all residents experiencing other Covid related issues (e.g. needing help while they isolate, or experiencing financial hardship support) speak to a member of the customer services team at Cambridge City Council. Telephone 01223 458780 or contact Simon.Aslett@cambridge.gov.uk or complete an online help request form here <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Latest infection statistics in Cambridge

Public Health England data indicates there were 81 new cases of Covid-19 in Cambridge, for the week Feb 25th to Mar 3rd. This is a 6% reduction from the previous week. There were 3 deaths within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test in Cambridge in the same period. There were less than 3 new cases in Petersfield in the week up to Feb 26th.

Vaccinations

The roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme is well underway in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Over 215,000 people (based on data up to 14 February 2021) have received their first jab, with thousands more being vaccinated each week. The UK regulator



has said these vaccines are highly effective, but to get full protection people need to come back for the second dose.

The Department for Health and Social Care now advise that the second dose of both the OxfordAstraZeneca and the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine should be scheduled up to 12 weeks (84 days) apart. Full protection kicks in around a week or two after that second dose, which is why it's also important that when you do get invited, you act on that and get yourself booked in as soon as possible. Even those who have received a vaccine still need to follow social distancing and other guidance

Carers

Caring Together, Centre33 and Making Space have joined forces with both City and County councils. This is to ensure carers of all ages **and** from all parts of the community, are



identified and offered help such as information, advice and support, including signposting residents to community networks and group activities. During the pandemic, these services have been adapted to include

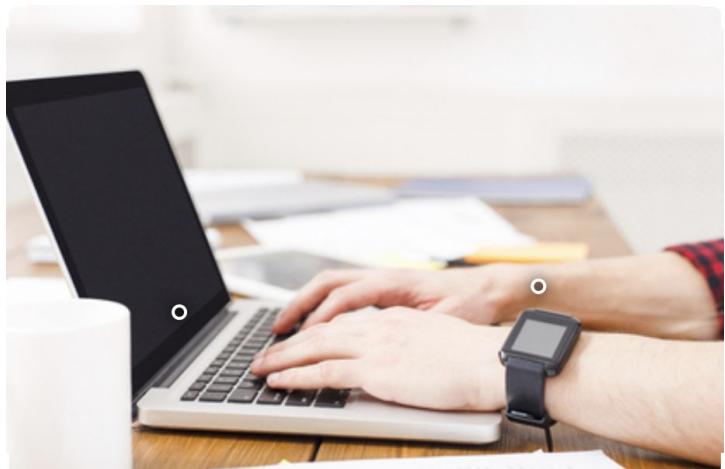
other online tools, such as Zoom to help people keep in contact with one another. For further information on caring for someone and accessing the online directory please look here if you are based in Cambridgeshire - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/looking-after-someone>

Cambridge Online - helping you become digital

Cambridge Online now has more funding to provide computer devices and 4G data connections for Cambridge people in need.

The City Council wants each person or family to receive the specific help they need, so there is a range of options available in order to help as many people as possible.

Available equipment includes new and refurbished computer tablets, laptops, and 4G internet connections. These are available in combination to help each situation. There are no cash grants available – the help given is in the form of equipment provided to each person or family. All recipients will also have access to the Cambridge Online training and digital skills help line via phone and email.



You will need to provide some information about yourself and a brief outline of your circumstances or the family you are nominating. This should include the household make-up, current access to computers and the internet, what digital equipment is requested and how it would help. Please tell us anything further you think would help us decide what to offer. In order to register and get further information about the scheme, please contact Andrew Entecott at andrew@cambridgeonline.org.uk The information can also be provided by phone to 01223 300407.