

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 12 May 2020**

Hello, you will have seen the latest Government messaging regarding COVID-19. If we are to avoid a second spike of infection, it is absolutely that we all take personal responsibility for our actions. And we can do this by following five key principles. Firstly, stay at home as much as possible. Secondly, if you can work from home, then do work from home. Thirdly, if you are out and about, please limit contact with other people and if you are in a shop, on public transport or similar confined space, please use a face covering. Please don't use surgical masks or similar as we require those specialist masks for our frontline workers and our NHS staff. Fourthly, if you are out and about then please ensure you keep two metres from other people, it is so important. And fifthly, but not least, please ensure you keep washing your hands. As a Council, we are looking at how we can start to reopen some of our services. However, we will only do that when we are assured that it is safe for the public and for our staff. We are as you may be aware reopening the Townmead Household Waste and Recycling Centre from Monday 18 May. However, restrictions will apply so please check the Council website to see what those restrictions are. We are also going to be restarting the household green waste collection from Monday 18 May. When we can reopen services, we will. However, I stress, we will only do so when it is safe for the public and safe for our staff. Please do stay safe. Do stay healthy. And let's not undo all of the hard work and good stuff that we have achieved over the last two months by taking rash and ill-judged decisions. Thank you.

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