

13 August 2020

Dear Hilary

The last few months have been an extraordinary time for us all to have lived through, and this letter is to say a really big thank you for all of the work you've helped with in Drinkstone.

We are so appreciative of the incredible work that the volunteers have achieved, and we wish you to convey to them our sincere thanks. As a village you quickly organised yourselves and started to help the vulnerable, and it has been heart-warming to hear of this wonderful work.

Please also thank your friends and family who have helped and supported you, allowing you the time to devote to the care of others, and let the volunteers know that we would like to thank their friends and families too for supporting them through these uncertain times.


What is most impressive is that you have helped the vulnerable with anything they have needed, and have carried this work out with good grace, and with an eye on looking after each other too. You have defined the spirit of community.

We have learnt a lot from the last four months, and wish you to know that we are here to support each and every community to achieve what is right for them – there is no single right answer, there is no magic formula but the Council's Communities Team are here to help, be it with making new contacts, finding new types of activities and training, or sourcing grants for new initiatives.

There are lessons to learn, and we would like to continue to work with you and the volunteer coordinators in each town and village across the two Districts.

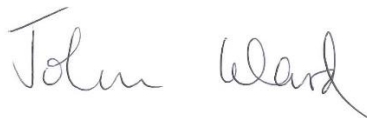
Thank you once again for all of your hard work.

Yours sincerely



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