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Dear Parishioner

**Covid-19 Plan for Communities of Rogate and Rake**

With the Prime Minister about to send all households a letter urging us to continue to stay at home in anticipation of the virus spreading further before it slows, Rogate Parish Council (RPC) has put in place a series of measures to assist us all to keep us all safe and to comply with his instructions while continuing to access the essential food and amenities we need.

These are worrying and unprecedented times for everyone in our Parish and indeed all around the world. RPC's priority is to make sure we protect all members of our community, in particular those who are vulnerable. This letter explains how the RPC can ensure you get the help you need when you need it whilst we all work to protect the NHS and to save lives.

The key elements of RPC's plan are:

- A 'Buddy' system across Rogate: neighbours and friends to take care of those who neighbour or live close to them
- Red/Green Alert cards: those in the Parsonage Estate, Hugo Platt, Knowles Meadow, Border Close, Rogate village centre are asked to display a Red card in their window to ask for help; green card if they are ok
- Rake Helpers group are providing a Buddy system for those who need assistance.
- Emergency contact phone numbers serving the whole Parish
- Dedicated Facebook sites, email addresses and websites for those who can access the internet
- Phone-a-Friend service: trained counsellors offer comfort and support over the phone

There are dedicated pages on the RPC website ([rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://rogateparishcouncil.gov.uk)) with useful links and on the Rogate Village website ([rogatevillage.net](http://rogatevillage.net)). Both are being continually updated with local information and facilities so please check regularly for news, phone numbers and shopping service updates. If you don't have access to the internet, please contact your Buddy for information.

RPC and the many, many volunteers who have offered their help to our community, will do all that is possible to keep our residents safe and comfortable. Together, we can tackle this virus and can get through this together by staying apart for now.

Thank you and stay safe.