

Donation scheme

Coronavirus and the lockdown has caused many organisations to re-assess how they function and operate – and **Village Voice** is no different!

As you know we stopped printing and physically distributing it for the April, May, June, July and August/September's editions, but we are delighted to be back with a full print edition for October.

Quite apart from the break in physical distribution we were struggling to keep our revenue up despite very generous grants from the Parish Council and, this year, from the Parochial Church Council. The Fete has traditionally also been very generous and of course we have had the advertising supplement.

Because of the 5-edition break and the difficulty being faced by many businesses we have decided to stop the advertising supplement altogether and introduce a donation scheme as the means of financing Village Voice, supported also by the extremely helpful grants which we receive.

We hope you will agree that having **Village Voice** delivered to your home if you live in Cuddington is worth £5.00 per year for 10 editions. To that end we are setting up an entirely voluntary scheme whereby you can donate £5.00, or more if you wish, each year to help support us. We recognise how valued Village Voice is and we want to reassure everyone that if you don't feel able to contribute at the moment you will still receive a copy. We fully appreciate that not everyone will feel able to make a donation and that's absolutely fine; however, we also feel that some may like to donate considerably more, even £10 or £15 and that is also absolutely fine! So please do exactly what you feel is appropriate and that you can manage.

You can start contributing straight away here online by clicking on the "*Book Now*" button or if you prefer to do it by cash or cheque then we will be including a payment slip and further details in next month's edition.

We will be doing a similar "sponsorship" scheme with our advertisers where we will be asking for a contribution and then we will print a listing in each edition for an easy reference for readers.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement and for bearing with us while we were on lockdown!

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