## **Speen Helping Hospices**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who bought face masks from Speen Helping Hospices. We had a great response from Loosely Row and Lacey Green following our article in the last edition of Hallmark. We have now raised £4,400 and that's a lot of masks!

When we had run out of customers in Speen and North Dean, advertising in Hallmark opened up a new source of custom in Lacey Green and Loosley Row. People in Ireland, Scotland, Staffordshire and Lancashire as well as Berkshire, Bedfordshire and Bristol are also suitably attired to go on public transport, visit the GP surgery and shop safely. Many thanks also to those of you who threw in the extra odd £5 and £10 notes. Much appreciated!

We will continue to make masks whilst there is a demand. The masks come in 6", 7" or 8" elastic lengths for round the ears. Most women find the 7" suitable and 8" for men. We also make them with ties. Please call 07778803260 if you want to place an order.

And just to remind you of our purpose...

SHH is a small charity run from Speen and North Dean to fundraise for four local hospices - Florence Nightingale, Rennie Grove, South Bucks Hospice and Helen House, the hospice for children in Oxford. The hospices provide a range of palliative and end-of-life care



services to people in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and south Bedfordshire.

The hospices receive limited funds and are increasingly reliant on local support from communities like ours to continue to provide the specialist care of inpatient and day hospice services. We keep overheads down to an absolute minimum to ensure that the money raised goes directly to the charities.

**Grainne Suter** 

## Lacey Green Stores and Post Office

As you are all probably aware our Shop and Post Office have been closed since March. After 11 years of opening it was not the decision we wanted to take but was taken to comply with Lockdown criteria to protect the volunteers, most of whom now find themselves in the over 70 range. A big 'Thank you' goes to Kay Pallister for helping keep the shop stock available to those who needed it.

We hope, given favourable conditions, to be able to reopen later this year and provide the services we did prior to lockdown. We are very much aware that many of our customers have, understandably, had to make alternative arrangements for shopping and may well wish to continue with these rather than return to us.

To help us review the demand for the reopening we would ask all those that either wish to return or use the shop for the first time, to let us know well in advance so that stock can be ordered and arrangements remade for daily papers, milk, bread etc. We hope to be able to have contactless payments available to avoid the use of cash.

You can reply to us via email <u>paulrogerson1@btinternet.com</u> or by completing the reply slip below; a collection box will be provided outside the shop at the Hall. Replies by the end of August would be helpful.

## Paul Rogerson Treasurer

## Lacey Green Stores – Millennium Hall Reply Slip

Please state your name, email and contact phone number:

Please circle the items you would like to order / buy

- I would/would not use the Village Stores for: Papers / Milk / Bread / General Goods
- I would/would not use the Village Stores for: Post Office Services
- I would like to Volunteer for serving in the shop

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