



BAN is still here



and we're very happy to help.

If you would like some help with the collection of your prescription, doing your shopping or providing transport to the Vaccination Centre, please just call, text or leave a message...



07946 192638



Or do you miss sitting over coffee or tea talking with your friends? Being unable to go out to see friends and family can make you feel very isolated and the days seem very long. Then go on, just call

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and you'll find someone, like you, who will be very happy to have a chat about absolutely anything, the village news, swap hobby tips and share interests, - or even just how your day is going and....of course, the weather!!

BAMPTON AID NETWORK

At the heart of the community in Bampton



Bampton Aid Network BAN

On 10th March 2020, a fortnight before the first COVID lockdown, Jess Egerton, a Bampton resident, emailed Trevor Milne-Day, Chair of The Society for the Protection of Bampton, “We should make up a bunch of volunteers who would do shopping, run errands, or pick up prescriptions”. Within a week the infrastructure was in place with a cohort of 60+ helpers, a mobile phone with a dedicated number, and protocols drafted. All those things and more began to be performed by the willing team.

Piers Foster created a website over a week-end with links to government and medical advice, details of services BAN offer, and local shops and services that are open for business.

Two other residents, Annie and Robin Jenkin, formed a brigade of home-cookers to provide free meals to all in need of a lift, no matter what age.

Volunteer dog-walkers and people with the time to chat (a service called TalktoBAN) stood ready to help and soon Adam Lethbridge and Sue Greenwood gathered together and edited the first of an intended weekly newsletter “Lockdown Lowdown” to more than 1,500 people.

If you lived in Bampton and needed help then you were invited to call 07946 192638 or go to www.bampton-network.co.uk (website and number no longer active)

The support group was “put into hibernation” on Friday 18th September 2020, with the home-cooked meals service continuing. BAN was temporarily resurrected with the second national lockdown on 5th November 2020. By the end well over 700 jobs had been undertaken.

Thanks to the kind generosity of Ben and Manja Uglow a drinks party for all the volunteers was held on Friday 23rd July 2021 to say thank-you and celebrate the substantial lifting of all restrictions.

Out of the cohort of volunteers was formed a separate group who assisted the Surgery at the mass vaccinations which started in January 2021 when the Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca vaccines became available. These vaccinations have continued to Spring 2023.