

HELP AT HAND FOR LONELY AND WORRIED DURING NEW LOCKDOWN

IF you are feeling lonely or worried during the new lockdown, don't forget the Ribble Valley Community Hub is here to help. The hub has been beavering away in the background throughout the pandemic helping thousands of residents with everyday needs and offering a listening ear.

Now that the country has entered a new lockdown until at least mid-February, hub staff are still on hand to help if you are facing difficulty, worry or loneliness. They can make referrals for help with such as shopping and prescription collections to community support groups and offer advice on a wide range of services.

They have contacted around 1,800 extremely clinically vulnerable people in the borough in recent weeks and will be contacting others over the coming days.

Ribble Valley Borough Council leader Stephen Atkinson said: "Our officers have been running the borough's community hub throughout the pandemic and have helped thousands of residents. They have access to a wide range of knowledge and information, and been able to match hundreds of households with vital support. I am proud to lead an organisation that is helping vulnerable households during these unprecedented and difficult times."

Detailed information about the Ribble Valley Community Hub is available at https://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/info/200427/coronavirus_covid-19/1745/community_support_for_those_affected_by_the_coronavirus

You can contact the hub Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm on 01200 414597

- The new national lockdown means you must stay at home and not leave your house unless absolutely necessary until further notice. Full details on what you can and cannot do is available at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>