

RHSS (Reopening High Street's Safely) September Meeting Report.

A3 and A 4 size maps of Alston Front Street prepared for shop windows and Gina (AMBA — Alston Moor Business Association) has produced Leaflet .

Feet Stencils only outside Co- Op as a reminder to self distance. Other fleet stencils around the town are on hold since people are maintaining self distancing.

Claire Driver is looking into a Community Ambassador role as is happening in other areas . More information required on Track and Trace from CCC .

Helen Aitken gave a talk on “ Good Neighbour Scheme “ . ACT — — See Toolkit on Website.

Co- Ordinating Support for People :- what needs providing / who requires help / providing volunteers to assist / admin for claiming expenses from volunteers, therefore claim forms needed, insurance issues eg. Health and Safety, with people using own cars for “work” / logistics in matching volunteers with resident.

Developing a Volunteer Co-Ordinator Role (paid position or not) . There is some start up funding for this role . £600 could pay for mobile phone / insurance / information cards or leaflet and their printing . Having one phone with residents phone numbers in that require help and monitored by Volunteers. CVS could help with DBS checks (apologies if that's not what it's called now) / for Volunteers.

How Volunteers could help :- With transport, shopping, prescription collection, ? meals or help with ordering of ready meals, dog walking, household repairs, gardening IT support, befriending. Volunteers would need to inform own car insurance of Voluntary work.

Develop Welcome Pack for new Residents about the area.

Perhaps having a local contact number for residents as a helpline but not for emergencies.

All these things AM is very good at and did come together throughout the first 4 months of COVID , but need to continue to be Good Neighbours.

What Now :- Focus Group (from AMERG / RHSS) Claire Gordon, Alix, Gina, Gary Elaine, Tim . Use local resources, already used phone number throughout early COVID which could still use. Same with Volunteers. Befriending through people from the church contact Mark or Richard Pattison.

Next meeting October.

Elaine