

AMERG Meeting Report Friday 12th March

1. Eden Resilience Meeting Report — — — Lateral Flow Testing continues for key workers who have no symptoms of Covid . Nearest site to AM is Ullswater College. Data is being collected now.

However if you show symptoms then apply for a test and self isolate.

Track and Trace rolled out in Cumbria successful.

Farmers have been asked to rent out field for camping or motor homes for the summer owing to Governments advice to holiday in Britain this Summer. Site can be rented out for 56 days in a 12 month period without planning permission being required . Any farmers interested please contact Sally Elmsley at EDC.

Government Road Map has begun with Schools opening from 8th March then gradually things beginning to open / improve in 5 weekly cycles.

Covid Infection Rate is falling but rate at which falling is slowing down. The Kent version is more easily transferable between people , but fewer cases are needing hospital admission.

Vaccination Programme continues. Over 50s are expected to be vaccinated by April. More Centres are opening where one will be able to book an appointment . If attending one of the centres for first jab you will need to attend there for 2nd one. Or, you can wait to see if you are contacted by your GP Practice. Penrith Centre is the nearest to AM but will not be ready for a couple of weeks , otherwise it is Carlisle.

Shielding— More people have received letters asking them to Shield or continue to Shield . There are 3000 people in Eden alone Shielding.

Message remains as MASKS (FACE COVERINGS) / WASH HANDS/ SPACE (2 METRES APART) .

There is financial help being offered through EDC for businesses if not available first time of trying then reapply is the advice. Also there's financial help for people finding themselves in difficulty with rent, and monies generally again through EDC. Please encourage people to apply .

2. There has been an enquiry from the BBC who would like people to come forward and give them their story about dealing with Covid and furlough and any other problems associated with the Pandemic..Could details please be passed onto CCC Claire Driver.

3. Prescription Delivery continues . Many Thanks to all those concerned. You have been a lifeline for some.

4. Officer Reports — — — Thankyou cards on hold at the moment. However ,Photographs have been taken of residents(with their permission) receiving their vaccination locally. These to go on Facebook promoting Vaccination Programme.

Once lockdown eases then we will look at Good Neighbour Scheme starting with a “ Friendly Visiting Service “ through volunteers, whilst Pastoral Care continues through the Church. Following discharge from hospital a resident could be referred to the GNS by an initial phone call . This is not in place of statutory service involvement.

New Public Health Officer appointed whom will give us help with GNS development . Hoping that she will be able to attend a future meeting.

Alston Gala will be on 21st August, Thank you Calls from the Community.

Trustees Meeting of AMERG to arrange AGM and Financial Statements to be arranged.

School has re-opened . 80% of pupils are wearing face coverings. Testing is being undertaken. Applications for Headteacher are being reviewed with a view to start in September.

Annual Parish Meeting 26th April. If invited AMERG Representative would attend.

Opening of TownHall ,not before 21st June, except for Elections of Parish Councillors and Police Commissioner. on 6th May (room Covid ready — EDC) and Library due to open 12 th April through EDC edit.

Friday Night quiz night popular as ever.

Next Meeting 2 Weeks. Elaine