



Dear Sherford residents,

We recognise that the lockdown is difficult in many ways and for all ages. We also wanted to use this opportunity to tell you what the Community Trust is doing and how we can support you.

The Community Trust is continuing to work on your behalf, despite COVID-19 challenges, and remains open for your grant applications. Grants are funded by your annual resident contributions – and we are keen you feel the benefit from funding community projects.

We are pleased to announce that at our recent virtual Board Meeting we agreed to support the litter picker purchase request, to fund equipment for residents to safely gather litter from within the town. When social distancing allows this group activity, the money will be released.

Further grant applications are welcome. Applicants should apply through the Trust website www.sherfordtrust.org.uk, making sure the request ticks the necessary boxes. It should: be sustainable; have support from the Sherford community with some evidence of matching Community contribution, significantly benefit the wider Sherford community; and cover capital equipment, but not running cost.

In these tough times, we hope that you are aware of the support around for families and businesses. There are various kinds of help at a national, county and district level – visit Plymouth City, SHDC and Brixton Parish Council websites for more details. If there are hardship cases in Sherford, please advise Judy Talbot and the Community Trust will do its best to ensure appropriate help is found.

Although our Coordinator is unable to visit Sherford at present, Judy is working on Community Trust support from home, so please contact her and Board members as needed. You can email Judy at info@sherfordtrust.org.uk.

The 75th VE day anniversary is fast approaching, taking place on Friday 8th May. While lockdown has altered the official plans to commemorate, many people still plan to decorate their streets, have a socially distant celebration, or mark the event at home.

To spread cheer and contribute to your celebrations, we have created this pack – with a helping hand from the Sherford Consortium to get the gifts to you! We thought those with children might especially enjoy a fun family activity. The bunting craft kit can be decorated and displayed, and the cress seeds are easy to grow for a nutritious treat – a timely reminder from WW2 when communities had no choice but to grow their own food!

However you plan to honour the 75th anniversary of VE Day, we hope you have an enjoyable time. Perhaps take some photos of your celebrations and post them on social media? You can tag @sherford_devon on Instagram or Twitter. We know the community is planning a 'Sherford doorstep portrait project' to mark VE Day and create a record of this moment in history – we hope you get involved and look forward to seeing the results!

A community with close bonds is invaluable in times like these – and truly something to celebrate.

Stay safe and well,
Sherford Community Trust