



Dear Earley friends,

We are living in unusual times, surrounded by uncertainty and anxiety but I take comfort in the knowledge that we are united in our determination to slow the spread of Covid-19 and protect others in our community.

Our play grounds and exercise equipment are now closed but our parks and green spaces are open for people to take their daily exercise whether this be walking or running. Please don't drive to these areas, the car parks are closed to avoid too many people congregating and remember to stay 2 metres away from people not in your household. Please respect Government guidance to stay at home as much as possible and to follow the social distancing recommendations.

The Town Council's Mays Lane Cemetery remains open for burials and the interment of ashes, and of course for people to visit graves to remember friends and relatives. We do ask that you only visit the cemetery either alone or with members of your household and please remember this is not an area to exercise your dog.

If you are in need of help and support do feel free to contact the Wokingham Borough Community Hub (WBCH) who are distributing food, toiletries and essential items to the vulnerable and those in need as well as providing advice and linking you with local charities. WBCH can be contacted via Citizen's Advice Bureau on 0300 330 1189 entering 0118 978 7258 when prompted. Residents of Earley can also contact the Earley Help Hub which has been set up to link volunteers with local needs. They can assist with collection of shopping and prescriptions, can provide a friendly chat or a listening ear and can be contacted on 07493 784091. More information and details of how to access these services are on the Earley Town Council website [www.earley-tc.gov.uk](http://www.earley-tc.gov.uk) , don't forget, they are here to help.

As the Mayor of Earley, I would like to thank all key workers for their hard work, help and support at this time. These key workers include all those in the NHS, the care staff, supermarket and food shop workers, the pharmacists but also others such as the Town Council officers who are keeping services running, those involved with the local Hubs as well as the IT workers who are keeping our main method of contact working.

I would like to wish you all good health at this time, freedom from anxiety and a knowledge that normality will one day return. I look forward to seeing you all in the future, to a time when community activities and events can once again take place. Take care, look after yourselves and others and please follow the government guidance for the good of yourself and of your community.

Kind regards

*David Hare*

**Councillor David Hare (Mayor of Earley)**