

COMMUNITY UPDATE

COVID-19



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You don't need reminding that 2020 has been an exceptionally challenging year, yet one which seems to have flown by, even quicker than usual. I personally have no idea where the time has gone.

I'm sure for many of you the photo album for 2020 bears no reflection of what you actually had planned with so many events affected by the restrictions put in place. Whether it's holidays, a wedding, birthday parties or simply a big get together with good friends, our social scene has looked very different this year.

As we approach the end of October, we find ourselves at a time when, yet again, we would normally see family and friends to celebrate Halloween and Bonfire night. However, as with most things this year, these celebrations will also look somewhat different than normal.

Whether it's your thing or not, Halloween naturally lends itself to socialising with the tradition of trick or treating. Groups of adults and children going door-to-door, ringing doorbells, taking sweets, sharing among friends and eating as they go... a COVID-19 dream.

It's these common touch points that increase the risk of transmitting the virus and it is why, along with our emergency service partners, local authorities and the county council, we're encouraging families to avoid door-to-door celebrations this Saturday. Instead we are asking the people of Norfolk to give it a miss this year, for the safety of yourself, your family and others around you.

We continue to see fluctuating infection rates across the county, with cases increasing once again in Norwich, Great Yarmouth and now Breckland. In comparison to other parts of the country we still have relatively low rates in Norfolk and that's something I'm sure many of you, if not the majority, will want to see continue. So, to do this, we need to be sensible and adhere to the advice which is in place to protect us all. It doesn't mean you can't celebrate, it just means doing it a little differently to keep you and the ones around you safe. The same applies to Bonfire night and, while it's a few weeks away yet, it's hard to imagine that Christmas celebrations won't be affected in similar ways.

As I've said before, our communities have done a great job in keeping themselves and Norfolk safe by following the measures. Experience shows us the overwhelming majority of you are taking the virus and your responsibilities in controlling the spread of infection seriously.

These times might be challenging and different to what we're used to but making a few changes means we can still enjoy the company of friends and family, celebrate events and milestones and get a few photos into that 2020 album.

Thanks

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