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#### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

What a wonderful Carol trail it turned out to be. 35 different displays - some window, some physically built and all amazing. Some very cryptic and some beautifully simple. But everyone of them took you time and effort to create and build. Thank you.

I hope you noticed lots of people outside your houses looking at the displays. We had lots of fun conversations and a highlight for us was when Mark (husband) looked out the window to see a toddler by himself on the drive. He had recognised the crib scene and wanted a better look at baby Jesus. We are happy to report his parent was just by the opening of the drive whilst he explored.

A huge thank you for those who left out sweets and booklets - what a great idea. We all have learnt from it.

The trail was not an easy one and we were not supposed to have only a few completed entries - 9 altogether.

The winner of the Nestling Trust hamper - all answers correct and first drawn out of the bag - Wendy Gibbon and Ash (1 Shires Close, Market Lavington). Well done to them.

We have had lots of ideas for adapting the way we do it.....if we decide to do it another year! But one would be to have a prize for each village completed as well as the whole trail.

I have just put together a power point of all your displays - with addresses and answers on - I am sure you will agree they are all absolutely terrific! As you can imagine, it wasn't easy to choose winners for the displays but thanks to some impartial help from people who had not made a display but had completed the course these were our winners:

> Best Display: Jonathan Grew - Whilst Shepherds Watched their Flocks Best 2 window displays: Phillipa Cox - Do you hear what I hear Ellen Nutall - Silent Night.

And a special prize for Liz and Liz who completed 3 displays between them.

As soon as we know how much we have raised for the Nestling Trust we will email that to you.

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas day and continue to enjoy the season.

God bless, Caroline Spindlow

We meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us, to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world, and pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen

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This term the children have been very interested in the birds we have seen in our back garden especially the robin that visits us regularly. Using our binoculars which we made we were able to spot the woodpecker on the school field. We have also made bird feeders, squishing lard with bird seeds which the children hung up in the garden. We went out on a walk to see what birds we could find. We also enjoyed making birds nest cakes – mixing shredded wheat with melted chocolate and popping an egg or two on the top.

We have investigated "Super Heroes". The children made their very own "Super Hero Vegetables" and their own super hero capes, explaining what super hero powers they each had.

We have had lots of sensory tuff trays for the children to explore: ice with lots of herbs and spices frozen in them; vegetables which the children chopped up and added water to make sou; flowers and water where the children made their own perfume and potions; we made cakes using eggs, flour, butter and sugar, adding the ingredients and stirring all unaided but supervised by an adult, this encouraged turn taking, counting and good communication skills; we had a dinosaur swamp made with cooked coloured spaghetti, broccoli and celery – the children used their cutting skills to trim the spaghetti and vegetables; flavoured tea bags, making tea and pouring cups of tea for one another.

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Stay Safe.

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

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Our minister has posted various reflections and church services on you tube, which can be found on

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If you have any enquiries about our church or services, do feel free to contact the minister or secretary on the details below.

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Danny Kruger MP will be holding a virtual conference - the Wiltshire Climate Summit - on 19 February from 11am - 4pm. The conference will include a range of local and national speakers including the former President of COP26, and former Devizes MP, Claire Perry-O'Neill, and the Prime Minister's business envoy to COP26, Andrew Griffiths MP.

Mr Kruger believes that we in Wiltshire have our part to play in reducing climate change and, he hopes, in influencing the decision-makers in Glasgow.

He says, "I very much hope we will have a stimulating conference with some practical proposals that I can use in Parliament in the run-up to Glasgow."

Attendance is open to all.

You can register to attend at: <u>https://forms.gle/ia5WEKTREPFpmZou8</u>

#### Families and Friends of Furlong Close.

I write as Chair of The Families and Friends of Furlong Close to explain the situation of the 34 learning disabled residents currently under threat of losing their homes, and of the many day care service users who have already lost their occupation and friendships as a result of the closure of that service.

The Families and Friends have come together to fight the closure and we are seeking public support in our campaign to get Hft and Wiltshire Council to think again.

As you may know from local media coverage the decision to shut down Furlong Close was announced without warning to residents, staff and families in mid-October by the charity Hft which took over the close of five bungalows and associated flatlets from Self Unlimited in 2013. The shock announcement came on the heels of the news that day care services on site would also be closed for good.

Many of the residents, who have severe learning disabilities, many coupled with epilepsy, sight and hearing impediment and severe physical disability, have lived at Furlong Close for more than two decades, some since it opened 28 years ago. They and their families had the expectation that it would be their life-long home and the news that they are now to be forced to abandon their homes and the safety and security of the Close and the village of Rowde is a terrifying prospect.

For some, now in their 50s and 60s, such a traumatic change will seriously damage their mental and physical health. In some cases such a move could shorten lives. The announcement has already left many residents confused, frightened and depressed about what is going to happen to them.

The decision to close has been justified by Hft and Wiltshire Council on the basis that Furlong Close is a "campus-style" site which is not a model of care now favoured by the Care Quality Commission for new developments. This is a completely inadequate justification for proceeding, without consultation, to break up an existing, happy community of highly vulnerable people and force them to leave the homes where they have been comfortably settled for many years.

Nor does it accord with CQC policy which expressly states that it has no wish "to disrupt the lives of people who are currently residing in a service that is not small-scale, provided that the care provided is person-centred."

No one who knows Furlong Close would suggest that it is in any general sense of the word a "campus", nor that its residents are isolated from their local community. They worship, shop, volunteer, eat out, visit the pubs and cafes and work part-time in local businesses.

And yet Hft, with the support of Wiltshire Council and the passive agreement of many of the elected councillors are still intending that Furlong Close be closed down.

The Families and Friends are asking Hft and Wiltshire Council to withdraw the decision and to think again in order to allow all those residents who so choose to continue to live safely and securely within the supportive local community.

If you support our campaign please challenge your local division councillor and those who are candidates in the coming May elections, to declare publically where they stand on this cruel and inhumane policy which is being pursued in their name.

Antonia Field , Chair Families and Friends of Furlong Close.



#### Plastics pollution travels in our waterways and oceans

In our Eco article last month we referred to the serious impact that plastics are having for the planet - be it environmental pollution from slow decomposition in landfills which can leach out into our food, water and bodies or airborne pollution such as carbon emissions from the manufacture of plastics that can contribute to global warming.

Plastic waste entering the seas is increasing each year. The majority is a persistent pervasive source, toxic to marine life, and humans. Plankton, fish, and ultimately the human race, through the food chain, ingest these highly toxic carcinogens and chemicals. Consuming the fish that contain these toxins can cause an increase in cancer, immune disorders, and birth defects.

Now, research conducted as part of the National Geographic Society's Sea to Source: Ganges Expedition has tracked the movement of plastic litter items in order to better understand the journey of plastic pollution in aquatic systems. It has shown that plastic waste in rivers and oceans can travel thousands of miles in just a few months. Lead author Dr Emily Duncan, of the Centre for Ecology and Conservation on Exeter's Penryn Campus in Cornwall, said the result "demonstrates that this is a truly global issue, as a piece of plastic dropped in a river or ocean could soon wash up on the other side of the world."

Researchers from the University of Exeter and ZSL (the Zoological Society of London) used a low cost, open source technology to track the movement of 25 500ml bottles with size, shape and buoyancy intended to mimic the movement of any plastic bottle. Several were dropped in the River Ganges at various locations and three were released directly into the Bay of Bengal.

Electronics embedded inside the plastic bottles allowed both cellular and satellite transmitters to be used for tracking purposes. For movement through urban waterways, available mobile phone networks were employed. Once the bottles reached the open ocean satellite connectivity took over. Whereas previous oceanographic modelling and current drifter data had been used to predict the movement and accumulation of plastic pollution in the marine environment, the processes used in the Ganges study had the ability to significantly increase understanding of the location of accumulation areas and the timing of large inputs of plastic pollution into the aquatic system.

It was found that generally bottles in the river moved in stages, now and again getting trapped on their way downstream. Bottles at sea travelled far greater distances, along coastal currents at first but then dispersed more broadly. The furthest distance travelled by any of the bottles was 1,768 miles (2845 km) in 94 days – or in other words the straight-line length of Land's End to John O'Groats three times. The findings of the study were published in December in the journal PLOS ONE: https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0242459

Hoping to see you virtually at The Wiltshire Climate Summit (details elsewhere in this magazine).

Anne Wilson mrsannewilson@gmail.com and Sandra Gamble acanadiangamble@gmail.com

#### A Message from Richard Gamble Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

February is not only the shortest month of the year but it is often the coldest. Nevertheless, there are a number of traditional events associated with the period.

For some reason, the first event to come to mind is Pancake Day which, this year, is on 16 February. I don't pretend to be a good cook but I have always enjoyed the preparation and cooking of pancakes – almost as much as eating them. Traditionally, I would sprinkle them with sugar and lemon juice but my wife introduced me to the joys of maple syrup and my children enjoy a range of savoury fillings, so it seems that there is ample scope for a balanced meal.

The history, of course, is that pancakes comprised the last feast of palatable food before the privations of Lent, which put a spiritual angle on the inevitability of depravation and hunger at the tail end of winter. We are blessed that famine is unlikely in Wiltshire in 2021 but Lent is still regarded as a time to give up some decadent indulgence. I may have to stay away from caviar and champagne. It is appropriate that the first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, which is a day of repentance.

The main elements of our calendar date from the Julian reforms of 43 BC when Februarius became the second month of the year, but the name goes back as far as Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, in 713 BC. The Latin term februum means purification, so the concept of virtuous fasting and inner cleansing at this time of year has a long history.

The other February event that comes to mind is Valentine's Day on 14th February. The feast of St Valentine dates from AD 496 but the main item of interest is that, in 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

I hope you get your flowers, chocolates and cards on the 14th and your pancakes on the 16th. After that, if it is still cold and if we are still in lockdown, we might all have no option but to snuggle up until Easter.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

#### **HELP FOR COVID ISOLATORS**

Names and phone numbers of local coordinators Suzanne Morrison: Telephone 01380 812985 / 07920 181312 Les Charlton: Telephone 01380 818533 / 07962 422624 Nicky Wragg: Telephone 01380 813235 / 07974 723285 Alan Smith: Telephone 07542 410718

> Carol Hackett (Parish Clerk): Telephone 01225 760372 / 07759 761307



#### **Monday Club**

Welcome to 2021!

Which did not start how we had all hoped, but found the whole country back in lockdown.

I had really hoped that by February we would be back to normal routines and looking forward to seeing you all at Market Lavington Community Hall on the 1st Feb 2021. However the country will still be in lockdown, thus no meeting up - in February. We still might not be able to get together in March either; depending on rules regarding the hiring of the Hall.

All members should have received the programme for 2021; (that's me being positive). If you did not get yours please contact me on the below number to request a copy. You will note some of last years activities / talks that we did not get to do were carried over as well as new additions. This years programme is more likely to change during the year. Perhaps having the Clubs Birthday celebration at the Royal Oak (if open).

Moving forward, we know the vaccine is being distributed in our community, and a number of you have had yours HOORAH! Stay safe and well.

Jo Perkins contact number 07936278533, Team Leader - Monday Club.,



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## Wiltshire Council

#### Happy New Year Everyone!

The Nestling Trust wishes to thank the Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, West Lavington, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Littleton Panell, The Benefice of the Lavington's, Cheverells & Easterton, and Trinity Church,

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Market Lavington for so kindly donating the funds raised through The Christmas Carol Trail, to the Nestling Trust (TNT) to help further our work in Nepal. The money will be used to help establish a Horticultural Project to help the sustainability of the Sarangkot Nestling Home for Children. The Home was completed and opened in 2018 by TNT for destitute/abused children of Nepal.

There are now twelve girls in the home aged between five and fifteen years. They live as a family and have settled happily. It is a joy to see them playing and laughing as all children should. They attend the local village school which is within easy walking distance, further down the hillside. The girls will benefit from the organic fruit and vegetables grown, and will also learn valuable practical skills necessary for when they have homes and families of their own.

TNT would especially like to thank Caroline Spindlow for all her hard work in organising the Carol Trail and of course, everyone who made such wonderful displays and all those who actually took part.

Thank you so much.

Sue Hamblin

P.S. If anyone has missed getting a calendar for the New Year, we still have five left! Just call 07973414601



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The aim of the Parish Steward Scheme is to create a service which provides solutions to the many minor needs of the roads and footways.

Market Lavington gets two visits a month, and Easterton gets one visit, from the steward, with a truck, equipped with a full range of hand tools and materials to address a wide variety of minor highway defects and needs.

The tasks that will be carried out will usually be identified by the Parish Council in advance of the visit..

#### Parish Steward Tasks

This list was prepared by Wiltshire council and describes the activities that the Parish Stewards may be able to do to help us:

- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers;
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, culverts, pipes and pits;
- · Clearing storm debris from the roads and footways;
- · Clearing collision debris, clinical waste etc;
- $\cdot$  Cleaning, re-installation and straightening of small road signs, street nameplates and bollards;
- $\cdot$   $\,$  Installation of small road signs, verge marker posts and supplied street name plates;
- · Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street nameplates;
- Hand cutting of grass and vegetation in visibility areas;
- · Hand treatment of weeds in rural areas;
- · Removal of Ragwort and other noxious weeds;
- · Clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways;
- · Repair of minor surface defects in roads and on footways.

As you can see the range and nature of tasks are quite varied. The limitations in the extent to which the Parish Steward can do this work are those that result from the capabilities of one man working alone with hand tools and a small vehicle.

If you see something that you think could be a suitable job for the parish steward, please email your Parish Clerk and report the issue. Please remember the parish steward can only deal with highways related issues, so issues connected to play areas or byways would not be covered. Please bear in mind it is only one man and his van and bigger issues would still need to be reported to Wiltshire Council via the online app, see link below:

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#### **Dauntsey Academy Primary School**

We welcome 2021 with a new lockdown in place but with a sense of hope on the horizon. We are only two weeks in to this new term, however I feel like we have experienced a whole term already! After the Government decided to restrict the places to children of critical workers and vulnerable children we have welcomed back lots of children, nearly 50% of the school cohort. We are proud to be helping our critical worker families wherever we can.

This has meant that we have been incredibly busy by ensuring our remote learning and our school learning are as close as possible to allow all children to access the same opportunities. The feedback we have received from parents and children has been really positive and we feel lucky to have such a wonderful school community.

Unfortunately this 'new normal' has meant that we haven't been able to welcome back Dauntsey's coaches for our weekly high quality sports coaching. When the restrictions are finally lifted we are looking forward to welcoming them back to DAPS.

Before the new restrictions came into force we managed to hold some of our traditional elements here at DAPS. In one of our most treasured events, 'Dressing the tree', we were unable to invite parents into school but we were able to decorate our fabulous outdoor Christmas tree and photos went home to show our parents that even though we missed them being here, we wouldn't let this beat us. A special mention to Mrs Bathurst for organising this and making sure it all went of perfectly!

Alder class made Christmas cards for the residents of Dauntsey House and made a video of themselves singing Christmas carols. We had some beautiful messages sent back to us and it was a joy to know we brought a smile to people during these times.

It is really important during these times to be kind to one another and look after our own well-being. It can be a lonely time for some but the community spirit we have will bring us through and make us stronger together.

If you would like to see for yourself what happens at DAPS and think that your child would like to attend our vibrant school then please do get in touch. Our website www.daps.wilts.sch.uk and facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/DAPSWestLavington also have information that could help you find out more.

Mr Martyn Riley

Acting Headteacher



#### **Market Lavington**

#### Speed limits, village gateways, Community Speed Watch, SIDs, bollards etc.

I didn't grow up in Market Lavington, but I can remember when the speed limit on Spin Hill was 60mph, when speed limits were enforced by the police and tickets were regularly handed out for parking on yellow lines in Market Lavington.

Children usually walked to school, on pavements and footpaths, and were able to cross roads at points where they were clearly visible to drivers who drove at a speed that allowed them to react.

However, times have changed. Now, more children are driven to school along narrow roads, because parents perceive walking as dangerous. Partly because there is more traffic on narrow roads.

The 30mph and 40mph speed limits on Parsonage Lane, Spin Hill, and Ledge Hill were the result of a petition following a fatal road accident. They have been widely ignored and rarely enforced. Evidence collected has shown that in recent years the average speed on Spin Hill has dropped, though it is still above the speed limit. For many years local people have tried, with the support of the Parish Council, to get a Community Speed Watch team together, but problems with training, getting equipment, and safety approval for proposed sites, and now COVID-19, has meant that these volunteers still cannot get to work. All changes to road layouts, and "street furniture" must be approved by Wiltshire Council Highways Department.

In the last few days village gateways have been put up on roads approaching the built up areas of Market Lavington, these act as a reminder to drivers that they are approaching an area that requires extra caution. Evidence published by the Department of Transport suggest that these have a small effect on speeds, but the awareness of a need for caution has a greater effect on accidents.

Radar activated Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have been shown to have a greater effect on speeds, but drivers soon get used to them and ignore them, so they should only be in place for a couple of weeks. This means that they must be sited where it is safe for people to access them regularly. It has taken well over a year to source the appropriate SID, which monitors traffic in both directions, and to get approval for the installation on Spin Hill. Wiltshire Highways rejected positions proposed by the Parish Council and decided that it should be placed by the Bridleway junction. The Wiltshire Council contractor then put the post in the wrong location. Wiltshire Council highways department are reviewing this new site to see if we can use the SID as intended. As part of this the SID will be deployed in each direct for two. If not, they will have to come back and put it in the right location before the SID can be mounted. The SID collects data on speeds and times, but not number plates. This data will be passed to the police and the Community Speed Watch Team. The team then decides when it is safe for them to deploy.

The occasional bollards on the High St. must be positioned where the pathway is above a minimum width and far enough apart to allow cars to mount the pavement if necessary while discouraging driving on the pavement.

The Parish Council continues to look for ways to make the roads around the village safer for everyone, particularly Black Dog Crossroads, Church St., High St., other pavements and footpaths. Any proposals must have evidence to back them up plus support of both residents and Wiltshire Council Highways Dept. No solution will please everyone, but we will keep trying, within the limits of our powers, to make Market Lavington as safe as we can.

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Healthy Us is a free 12 week course open to anyone living in Wiltshire, aged 18 or over, with a BMI of 28 or above. Courses will be held throughout the year and will be delivered virtually over Microsoft Teams. We plan to run face to face group courses across the county when circumstances allow and it is safe to do so. We are now accepting referrals for the virtual courses starting in January 2021.



The programme is designed to give participants the tools they need to make small but sustainable changes that can be maintained long term, so that participants lose weight and maintain their weight loss.

We are excited to be working with Wiltshire IAPT service who are delivering two sessions during each course looking at emotional eating and wellbeing.

Each interactive session is one hour and covers topics such as balanced nutrition, portion sizes, eating out, physical activity and healthy habits for life. Participants will be supported to eat well, move more and feel better.

Healthy Us is one of three services that form the recently launched Wiltshire Health Improvement Hub, a single point of access for referrals to the Health Improvement coaches (adult health and mental wellbeing service), Healthy Me (child and family weight management service), and Healthy Us.

More information about the Healthy Us and how to calculate your BMI can be found on our website at https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-healthweight-adults. Alternatively, to join a course people can email the Health Improvement Hub health.coaches@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 0300 003 4566 select option 1.



Help for domestic abuse victims in Wiltshire is just a phone call away and available 24/7.

Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service (SWA) is now providing support to victims of domestic violence across the whole of Wiltshire on behalf of Wiltshire County Council.

Whether you're male, female, young or old, you could need their help. Our lives are being affected by Covid restrictions and for many it's creating a dangerous and frightening situation. Home should be a place of safety and security and a relationship should be based on love and mutual respect but sadly for 2.3 million people a year this is not the case and victims face physical and psychological abuse, coercive control, rape and for two people a week in the UK, they will lose their lives at the hands of their partner or former partner.

Working alongside Trowbridge based Splitz Support Service who offer support weekdays 9am – 5pm, SWA cover Wiltshire outside these hours, evenings, night times, weekends and bank holidays. SWA support all victims regardless of age and gender and run a free, non-judgmental 24hr helpline that's answered day and night by a trained advisor, not a machine. They offer help and support and work with you and at your pace.

SWA whose patron is Dame Esther Rantzen, have a purpose-built refuge facility in Swindon comprising 22 self-contained flats and they offer extensive community support. Their advisors are trained in all areas of abuse across all age groups. If you are worried about your situation, you can call them in confidence on 01793 610610.

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To apply call the advice line number on 0800 038 5722, We would need either recent benefit award letters or a recent bank statement showing benefits being paid

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#### **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

By the time you read this, everyone living or working in a local elderly care home will have had their first vaccination. Nearly everyone over 80 will have been vaccinated at least once and practices will be calling people aged over 75, and those who are carers, or in a health support job for their vaccinations.

At the same time surgeries are providing all the usual services prescriptions, medical checks, clinics, referrals etc., even if most of these are being done at a distance.

Organising and booking vaccination appointments takes a lot of time, so if phoning your surgery you may have to wait longer than usual, so please try to contact your surgery by e-mail or via their website if possible. This allows the staff to concentrate on urgent calls, and work through messages when it is quieter or the surgery is shut.

The surgeries all have lists of people who have been sent letters by the government because of underlying illnesses. However if you are a frontline health or social care worker, which includes groups as diverse as paid carers and undertakers assistants, the surgery may not have the information they need, to include you in the correct group.

Send the surgery information about your job and someone can try to match your job to one of the allowed categories.

The practice also may not know if you are temporarily housebound because you are self-isolating.

It is the responsibility of patients to contact their surgery, giving as much detail as possible, if they feel that their records need updating with any information that may be relevant to their care. It is your responsibility to tell your surgery if you are temporarily housebound, and up to your carer to contact their's so that the surgery staff can see if they can be included in any category. Please do not contact surgeries by phone as the surgeries are very busy and the people answering the phone will not be able to give you an answer.

#### A Vaccine story

Various lies are being spread on the internet about the Covid-19 vaccines. One is that the vaccines are made with either pork or beef products. The 3 vaccines currently available are free of animal based products including shark liver oil which is used in some vaccines to boost efficacy.

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#### Road closure March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>

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#### 3.30pm.

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There will be access for residents and businesses, but there will probably be delays.

