



# RESCOM COMMUNIQUE

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## Communications from ResCom

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Dear residents,

Your ResCom is working on some initiatives that will help you pass the time and prevent you going totally mad during the lockdown. For instance, we're working on a process to assist you to get books, puzzles, etc., from the library; to arrange a jigsaw puzzle exchange, etc.

This has become even more necessary now that the lockdown has been extended by another 2 weeks, and the government is talking of keeping elderly people in self-isolation until September. The problem is we need to be able to communicate with as many of you as possible, by the simplest and quickest means.

Communiqués such as this reach all residents, either by e-mail or hand-delivered letters. But they're slow and cumbersome and dependent on village management for distribution. Wilma is on her own and has enough on her plate without having to organise that as well.

Chris has 2 WhatsApp groups that offer a ready solution. The problem is that many of you have opted out, or never joined and this is an appeal to those who are not one or both of them to re-think.

Chris' WhatsApp 'INFO EVERGREEN GROUP' is an ideal, alternative option. It only sends out information, is independent of management and is quick and easy. The problem is that it only reaches 108 of you. So this is an appeal to all those who are NOT on the group to send Chris a WhatsApp or a text message to 084 582 9129 requesting that he add your name. Chris is the only person who can send messages on that group, so the only messages you'll receive are messages that will be of interest and value to you. The more of you who respond positively, the more effective our communications will be. So please, send Chris a message!

There is also Chris' 'CHAT EVERGREEN GROUP' that reaches about 60 of you. Anybody can contribute to that group so there're many messages on it. Most of them are forwarded messages and videos offering hope and inspiration during these difficult times, funnies, quizzes, games etc., and comments from members. But it is also used as a less formal information group. Most importantly it is a fun group that Marion and I find informative and entertaining! So this is another appeal: if you're not on the CHAT group, please ask Chris to add you to that as well!

A bonus of the CHAT group is that you can use it to easily respond to any proposals, requests or messages we put out on the INFO group!

You can take yourself off either of these groups at the end of the lockdown. You can also mute them so that your phone doesn't 'beep' every time a message comes in - simply ask Chris and he'll explain how that's done.

You really have nothing to lose, and a lot to gain by join one, or indeed both those groups, so pick up your phone NOW and send a message to Chris.

Hennie du Preez,  
Chairman of ResCom.