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To:
Chairs of Parish Councils across Cherwell District

From:
Deputy Lieutenants in Cherwell District, on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.

Supporting your communities in the post-pandemic period

2020 has been an extremely difficult and challenging year for our communities. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused schools to close, businesses to struggle, many employees to be furloughed, and the health and care services to be overwhelmed. And it has also brought much of the voluntary sector in our society to a point of financial crisis.

However, out of this tragedy, there is a sense of communities coming together, neighbours supporting each other and the able looking out for the less able and vulnerable.

In addition to other activities relating more directly to the Her Majesty The Queen, the Lieutenancy in Oxfordshire, under the leadership of the Lord Lieutenant Tim Stevenson, is particularly focused on the important and significant charity infrastructure. The third sector is increasingly relied upon to handle a huge range of concerns and whilst there is no authority invested in the Lieutenancy to tackle the challenges that this provides, we can encourage, convene and make connections. There will doubtless be other areas of activity where our ability to do this could also apply.

As Deputy Lieutenants living in the Cherwell District area, we would like to offer you and your fellow councillors our thanks for the work you have done in your communities to make things better for people during the crisis, but also to offer you our support through the post-pandemic period. Whether it is to be part of a celebration of local heroes, or to bring together groups of like-minded people from across communities, or to put people with similar aims in touch, we are here to listen.

If you would like to discuss how we might support any initiatives you have locally, or to talk through some of the challenges you face, we would be happy to hear from you.

Please email any correspondence to buckeldee@icloud.com.

With best wishes

Sir Tony Baldry DL

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Rev Glyn Evans DL

Martin Fiennes DL

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