



Cornwall Link Press Release

Cornwall Link's COVID-19 Support Space - 27th March 2020



The Launch

We would like to announce that we have launched our Covid-19 Community Support site on Cornwall Link to help keep Cornwall connected (#ConnectedCornwall) during this potentially difficult time.

This support site has been developed by Age UK Cornwall and Made Open Communications. We would also like to thank our Inclusion Matters partners from Cornwall Rural Community Charity, Disability Cornwall and the Digital Inclusion Team at Cornwall Council.



Please visit this platform today if you or someone you know needs help, or if you'd like to support your local community.

Visit <https://cornwall-link.madeopen.co.uk/>

About the platform

Cornwall Link will be redirecting its focus to provide a community directory and support system to connect people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

We want to make sure people still feel supported, safe and included in their community whilst maintaining their health and well-being through this challenging time. Please use this platform to connect with neighbours, organise online events, find volunteers and offer your help.

Cornwall Link connects individuals, families, carers, volunteers, and healthcare professionals with services and social activities in their area. The idea behind the platform is to reduce social isolation through these connections, encouraging people to join in community-led activities.

Public health recommendations involve limiting social interactions to prevent the spread of the virus. While social distancing has become a solution for many in Cornwall to monitor their health, it has resulted in anxiety for residents who rely on organisational and community assistance. Many questions have also arisen about how to navigate everyday tasks and responsibilities. Understandably, it has left a lot of people feeling vulnerable, regardless of their age or circumstances and reaching out to us for advice and support.

We want to showcase that social distancing shouldn't equate to complete isolation.



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Your support

The best way we will be able to deliver on peoples' needs is through a cohesive and holistic approach from service organisations and the wider community, utilising alternative communications and ideas to deliver on care and human connection.

We want to thank you for being a valued member and advocate of Cornwall Link and leading the way for COVID-19 support in your local community.

We are already seeing Cornish communities and organisations rallying together to find innovative ways to provide support. We envision Cornwall Link being a one-stop platform where Cornish people can find the help they need, volunteer and share their ideas and experiences within their locality and as a county. Cornwall Link will direct to the many FaceBook groups, temporary charity aid, governmental support sites, and any other relevant services allowing you to find what you need, where you need it, quickly and easily. Through our platform, people can connect in new ways – a web-based, social media platform built with you and Cornwall in mind.

“Together, we can weather the storm until we can see each other again.”

How do I connect?

Please visit <https://cornwall-link.madeopen.co.uk/>

If you need additional support or cannot access the Cornwall Link, please contact our Helpline on **01872 266388** or email@ageukcornwall.org.uk.