

The Garth Newsletter – Sept. 20

We are going to aim to send out this newsletter bi-monthly; if you feel it needs to be more frequent please do let us know.

Activities:

Our temporary activities practitioner – Eleanor, has now left us to commence her studies/degree at university. I am sure you will join us in wishing her every success.

We have a new practitioner commencing full time with us on the 23rd September – Hayley. Whilst working her notice she will also be with us 2 days a week spending time getting to know our residents which will be great. Hayley will write and introduce herself in our next newsletter in November.

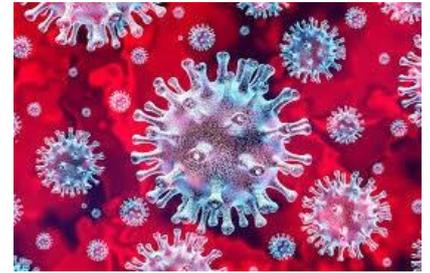


News:

- John (maintenance) has been very busy he and the residents have kept the kitchen stocked with tomatoes and cucumbers from the greenhouse and apples and pears from the garden.
- John has also completed work on storage space in the lounge and conservatory.



- We have just completed our CQC Emergency framework discussion and our inspector is pleased with how we have managed the Covid Pandemic as we hope you are.



COVID-19:

We have now commenced weekly Covid testing/swabbing for all staff and monthly testing/swabbing of residents (next due 21st September) – to date we have all come back negative – long may this continue.

As you are all aware we re-commenced physical visiting from the 13th July; 3 visiting slots per day being 09.30; 1030; and 14.30; for ½ hour and one visit per week from one family member.

We reviewed this last week and made some changes.

Visits can now be for up to an hour and you may visit more than once a week dependent on availability of slots; we also reviewed these and the times are now: 10.30; 13.30 and 15.00.

Please continue to call into the nurses to book your visit.

Visits are currently taking place outside in the garden or in the conservatory; we shall be carrying out some work in the conservatory (nearest to the road) to ensure visiting can continue even in 'bad' weather – it may not look very pretty 'Perspex' but should serve it's purpose of keeping us safe and minimizing any risk of spread.

Can I take this opportunity to remind everyone who visits the Garth of the importance of completing the risk assessment just prior to each visit and taking all precautions you can i.e. showering and clean clothes and coming directly to the Garth as opposed to via anywhere else!

Please as always keep safe and well.

Very best wishes

The Garth Team xx